

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 26, 1940

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12:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

[redacted] called from New York City and advised while he was talking to SAC Sackett some time ago, they discussed the German-Italian situation at the Hotel Pierre, 5th Avenue and 61st Street. According to [redacted] Mr. Sackett said he had been unable to get anything on this matter and he, [redacted], took it upon himself to ascertain the following information.

The Hotel Pierre was purchased from the bondholders through [redacted] by one Mr. Geddy, an enormously wealthy oil man of German descent who comes from California. This occurred about a year and a half ago, the hotel being in rather bad shape and the purchase price being about \$2,000,000. [redacted] said he remembered he knew the head housekeeper of the hotel who had been head housekeeper at the Plaza hotel for 25 years. On contacting her he found that she and all the other old employees of the Hotel Pierre had been dismissed. This in itself was not so alarming but it was discovered that the orders for their dismissal had come from Geddy while he was in Germany. A young man from [redacted] named [redacted] a former [redacted] and with no hotel experience, is now managing the hotel and a man named [redacted] (phonetic) is [redacted]

[redacted] Nothing whatsoever is known about the background of this individual and it is said that Geddy picked him off the streets. [redacted] said that at the present time the hotel is packed with employees of the Italian Consulate and although he is not interested in them, he feels that we should have information about Geddy and perhaps institute an inquiry as to his activities. I assured him that this information would be brought to the attention of the appropriate individuals.

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CC: Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Foxworth

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Respectfully,

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August 27, 1940

Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

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DATE 5-5-80 BY SP/80/1/1

RE: WEDEN & L. D. A. / 100 / 1  
Dear Sir.

Information has been obtained from a source previously reliable, concerning the purchase of the Hotel Pierre, 5th Avenue and 34th Street, New York City, by one Cedey. It has been related that Cedey is a fabulously wealthy oil man of German descent, who has made his residence in California.

The circumstances concerning the purchase of the instant hotel are of significance, inasmuch as it appears that persons of Italian affiliations may center their activities at this point. It appears that the Hotel Pierre was purchased from the bondholders through [redacted] a [redacted] approximately a year and a half ago, that the hotel, being in poor financial condition, was sacrificed at a price fixed at approximately two million dollars. It was learned that the purchase was made on the authority of Cedey while he was in Germany, while there he telegraphically instructed his representative in the United States to immediately "clean out the hotel." This instruction resulted in a general dismissal of all of the employees who had been with the hotel for a number of years, among whom was the head housekeeper. The present manager of the [redacted] is one Tolard, allegedly a former [redacted] with no previous hotel experience. He is associated by German phoneticism as [redacted] who occupies the position of [redacted]

In view of the allegation that the employees of those who may frequent the hotel from time to time may have some Italian consular connections and that Cedey may, because of his oil interests and German descent, be engaged in activity inimical to our Government, it is desired that you institute a complete and thorough investigation which should be conducted in a discreet manner concerning this individual.

- Mr Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr Foxworth \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr Nathan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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March 4, 1940

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Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary of State  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Berle:

It was confidentially reported to the Bureau through a reliable source of information that the Hotel Pierre, Fifth Avenue and 61st Street, New York, New York, was purchased from the bondholders through [redacted] son by one Mr. Gaddy, an enormously wealthy oil man of Oceanside and who comes from California.

This purchase occurred about a year and a half ago, at which time the Hotel was in rather bad financial straits. The purchase price was about \$2,000,000.

The confidential informant advised that he knew the housekeeper of that particular Hotel, who had been housekeeper at the Plaza Hotel for twenty-five years. He further advised that by contacting her, he found that she and all the other old employees of the Hotel Pierre had been dismissed, and that the orders for their dismissal had come from Gaddy while he was in Germany.

The confidential informant further stated that a young man from [redacted] by the name of [redacted] a former [redacted] and with no hotel experience, is now managing the Hotel, together with a man named [redacted] (phonetic) as [redacted] that nothing whatsoever is known about

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D C

Will check the records of the Passport Division, State Department and obtain whatever information is available concerning GETTY and the dates of his various trips to Europe.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will check the arrest record of GETTY at the Police Department and Sheriff's Office and continue efforts to locate his residence at the present time, in order that the investigation requested by the Bureau may be completed.

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Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr.

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the background of [ ] and it is said that Gaddy "picked him off the streets".

The confidential informant also advised that at the present time the Hotel is packed with employees of the Italian Consulate.

The above information is being transmitted to you for whatever action you deem advisable.

Sincerely yours,

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

cc [ ]

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIAL.A. FILE NO. 65-2170

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-12-40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/16, 18, 21/40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>V. I. PARRY</b>	<b>hd</b>
TITLE <b>JEAN PAUL GETTY, with alias J. Paul Getty</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - I.</b>	

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JEAN PAUL GETTY, alleged purchaser of Hotel Pierre in New York City, is a wealthy hotel man formerly of Los Angeles, California, where his principal office is still maintained. Information secured indicates GETTY upon return from Italy in 1939 made his residence in New York City.

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REQ. REC'D 5-27-59  
REP'T FORW. 6-16-59  
BY [Signature]

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REG. REC'D 3-16-55  
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## REFERENCE:

Letter from the Bureau dated August 27, 1940.

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## DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Reference letter from the Bureau indicated that information had been obtained from a source previously reliable concerning the purchase of the Hotel Pierre, Fifth Avenue and 61st Street, New York City, by one GEDDEY. It was related that GEDDEY is a fabulously wealthy oil man of German descent who has made his residence in California. The Bureau believes that the circumstances

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York City

- \* As requested by the Bureau, will conduct investigation concerning the purchase of the Hotel Pierre, Fifth Avenue and 61 Street, New York City, and endeavor to determine whether the allegations that the employees and those who frequent the hotel have some Italian Consular connections.
- \* Will endeavor to locate the address of GETTY in New York City and conduct the investigation requested by the Bureau.

THE HARTFORD FIELD DIVISION

At Greenwich, Connecticut

- \* Will obtain what information is available concerning GETTY in that city, it being noted that he is supposed to maintain his legal residence there.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

At Washington, D. C.

- \* Will check the records of the Passport Division, State Department, and obtain whatever information is available concerning GETTY and the dates of his various trips to Europe.

THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION

At New Orleans

Is requested to advise whether that office has any record of FREDERICH LANGE.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California

- \* Will check the arrest record of GETTY at the Police Department and Sheriff's Office and continue efforts to locate his residence at the present time in order that the investigation requested by the Bureau may be completed.

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on JEAN PAUL GETTY which indicated that he is the son and heir of the late GEORGE F. GETTY who left more than twenty-five million dollars and was the owner of the GETTY oil company and the Pacific Western Oil Company. This report stated that the late father of GETTY had accumulated a large estate and upon his death left it to his widow and to his son, JEAN. JEAN GETTY acquired a majority of his father's interests which are represented in the above mentioned companies, as well as his extensive real estate and security holdings. According to the file, GETTY has kept these holdings in excellent shape financially and has ample financial reserves for his requirements.

In the last two years, due to domestic difficulties, he has traveled in the United States and Europe, and the actual operation of the business has been left in the hands of competent business men who stay in Los Angeles at all times. The report continued that GETTY has been married four times, his first wife charging him with immorality in the divorce complaint and naming twenty-six co-respondents. He subsequently married a German girl, but after having been married a short time he turned his attention to other women and his wife learned of his conduct and returned to Germany. She did not wish a divorce due to religious scruples, and GETTY subsequently secured a divorce in Mexico. He also divorced a third wife in Mexico and remarried. In 1936 at the time of the report the file indicated that a divorce action was pending concerning his wife at that time who had charged him with unfaithful conduct and association with other women.

In 1936 GETTY'S address was listed as 647 South Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles, which is the old GETTY homestead. On November 27, 1936 GETTY was living at 270 Ocean Front, Santa Monica, California, which building was owned by one of GETTY'S corporations. The file indicated that he also had a home in New York City, his legal residence being Greenwich, Connecticut, where he maintains an apartment.

The file indicated that he was thirty-four years of age in 1936 and of Anglo-Saxon descent, having a net worth of over twenty million dollars and an annual income of over five hundred thousand dollars.

With respect to the firm, GEORGE F. GETTY, INC., its net worth was shown to be two million five hundred thousand

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dollars with gross sales of five million dollars per year. The firm pays cash and enjoys a good standing, and in 1938 was said to have taken over the SKELLY Oil Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

GETTY himself was said to be temperate in drinking habits, dressed in good taste, and made no pretentious display of jewelry. He is supposed to have suffered from stomach trouble and to have taken treatment in Europe.

The files of the Retail Merchants Credit Association, Subway Terminal Building, Los Angeles, show a report which is not as complete as the above and indicated he secured a divorce in 1935 from [redacted], who was the [redacted] [redacted] and that he was divorced from [redacted] in 1927, and later divorced from [redacted]. An additional address was given for him in this report as 632 Alta Drive, Beverly Hills, and also 425 Marguerita Avenue, Santa Monica.

The morgue file of the Los Angeles Times contains a great many clippings concerning GETTY, most of which deal with his marital troubles. These will not be reported herein in full but will be summarized in view of the fact that some of them give the names of former wives of GETTY. From these articles it appears that GETTY married [redacted] in New York City on September 1, 1931 and again in Cuernavaca, Mexico on December 2, 1932, as they were not satisfied with the legality of the New York marriage. With regard to this marriage the file indicated that they were divorced on March 9, 1936 at Las Vegas, Nevada and immediately thereafter the former [redacted] married [redacted], who had been divorced in Toledo, Ohio the previous day. Regarding this divorce it might be mentioned that the file indicates the former [redacted] was sued by [redacted] for a large sum of money in view of the fact that in the process of the divorce suit he stated he had to do research in three different countries, and that it was necessary for him to obtain corroboration of acts of cruelty against [redacted] in Paris and also to check the records filed with the American Consul in Genoa, Italy.

A newspaper article dated September 23, 1927 showed that GETTY and [redacted] were married on October 2, 1923 at Ventura, California, and separated on February 15, 1927, [redacted] obtaining a final divorce on September 22, 1927. This article also indicated that in November of 1924 GETTY was arrested for a violation of the Wright Act and fined \$100.

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An article dated December 6, 1917 showed that a [redacted] sued GETTY for a large amount, claiming that he was the father of her child. This suit was later dropped.

Another article was found which indicated that GETTY'S children are [redacted]

An article dated April 23, 1927 indicated that the largest oil well in California since the days of Signal Hill and Santa Fe Springs had just been bought in by GETTY, independent oil man, at East Long Beach, California

An article dated August 17, 1936 indicated that [redacted] announced the engagement of [redacted] to JEAN PAUL GETTY, and that [redacted] had appeared in two musical reviews under the name of [redacted]

The articles indicated that GETTY graduated from the University of California and Oxford University

An article dated September 11, 1935 showed that GETTY had offered for sale his yacht, "The Warrior," built in 1934 at a cost of one million four hundred thousand dollars. Another article indicated that the name of another wife was [redacted]

On June 7, 1940 an article appeared which indicated that a trust fund of more than four million dollars created by GETTY during his lifetime for the benefit of his four children after his death was declared irrevocable, this action having been brought by GETTY'S mother, Mrs. SARAH C. GETTY.

An article dated August 8, 1938 showed that [redacted] a prominent [redacted] and Democratic party figure, and J PAUL GETTY were disclosed as the chief financial supporters of Senator WILLIAM GIBBS McADOO in his race for re-nomination, indicating that GETTY had contributed five thousand dollars and [redacted] twenty-five hundred dollars.

An article dated November 23, 1939 under a New York date line indicated that GETTY had returned to New York from Italy on that date on the SS CONTI DI SAVOIA, after negotiating with Soviet Russian buyers in Berlin, Germany for the sale of one million barrels of California oil to be used in Siberia, GETTY stating that it would cost less to transport oil from California to Vladivostak than from the Russian owned Baku oil fields

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Another article dated November 17, 1939 under a New York date line made the announcement of the marriage of [redacted] one of the first society girls to sing in a night club, to JEAN PAUL GETTY, age 42, of Los Angeles and New York. The wedding took place on September 14, 1939 in Rome at the American Consulate, and the article indicated that they would return to New York in a few weeks where they would make their residence.

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From the above it would appear that GETTY, due to his immense wealth, does not remain very long in one residence and it is apparent in view of the newspaper articles that he is probably making his residence in New York at this time. Agent [redacted] on two occasions under the pretext [redacted]

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[redacted] has called the offices of the GEORGE F. GETTY Oil Company in Los Angeles in an endeavor to secure the present whereabouts of GETTY. However, the reply has been each time that the letter should be forwarded to the Los Angeles Office of the firm and that it would be forwarded to GETTY who is not at Los Angeles at the present time.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

##### THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

###### AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

As requested by the Bureau, will conduct investigation concerning the purchase of the Hotel Pierre, Fifth Avenue and 61st Street, New York City, and endeavor to determine whether the allegations that the employees and those who frequent the hotel have some Italian Consular connections.

Will endeavor to locate the address of GETTY in New York City and conduct the investigation requested by the Bureau

##### THE HARTFORD FIELD DIVISION

###### AT GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT

Will obtain what information is available concerning GETTY in that city, it being noted that he is supposed to maintain his legal residence there.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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TITLE JEAN PAUL GETTY, alias J. Paul Getty			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - I

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

FREDERICH LANGE, former German aviator and friend of [REDACTED] is alleged to be living at the Hotel Pierre, New York City, on funds advanced by GETTY.

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REG REC'D 3-16-59  
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BY [REDACTED]

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## REFERENCE

Report of Special Agent V. I. PARRY, Los Angeles, November 12, 1940.

## DETAILS

The Los Angeles Sheriff's Office has furnished the Los Angeles Field Division with a report from an anonymous informant to the effect that FREDERICH LANGE, Hotel Pierre, New York City, is said to be a former officer of the Hamburg-American line and to have a wife and children living in Compton, California. LANGE is said to have been an aviator in Germany with the Air Force and to be a very good friend of [REDACTED]. The report states that he is living at the Hotel Pierre, which is owned by PAUL GETTY, a millionaire oil man of Southern California, and that GETTY is advancing funds for this Subject. The report further indicates that GETTY is a very strong Nazi sympathizer.

This report further indicates that FREDERICH LANGE is known to have been in some kind of trouble in New Orleans with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, New York**

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December 21, 1940

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: J. PAUL GETTY; ESPIONAGE - G.

I am transmitting herewith a clipping of a copyrighted article which appeared in the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS on December 20, 1940. This article is entitled "Agents of Five Nations at Grips in Hotel Here" and carries the byline of GUY RICHARDS.

This article sets forth the statement that twenty American businessmen have pooled one hundred million dollars for investment in Mexico if [redacted] will give a free hand.

It further alleges that J. PAUL GETTY, present owner of the Hotel Pierre and personal friend of ADOLPH HITLER, has supplied oil to Russia and is presently on a yacht cruise with WILLIAM GIBBS McADOO.

There are further allegations to the effect that the FBI is sure that "definite understanding was reached on the GETTY-[redacted] axis which bears on the charge of [redacted] opponents that his heart belongs to the Nazis."

This article alleges that [redacted] an [redacted] formerly [redacted] of the Hotel Pierre, has been replaced by [redacted] former German Infantryman and is assisted by FREDERICK LANGE, efficiency expert and formerly captain of a German submarine.

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Very truly yours,

*B. E. Sackett*

B. E. SACKETT  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Los Angeles

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# Agents of Five Nations At Grips in Hotel Here

By GUY RICHARDS

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From the once bankrupt splendor of the Hotel Pierre, Fifth Ave. at 61st St., where the glittering peacocks of the international set have fled from war and history for a last display of plumage, FBI agents have pieced together a story of espionage, adventure and high finance almost too fantastic for telling outside the covers of an Oppenheim thriller.

It's the story of the agents of five nations pitted in a polite battle of wits under the crystal chandeliers of a Fifth Ave. hotel that four years ago was a \$9,000,000 flop, but now is bursting with profits and distinguished guests.

Behind the New York intrigue is the vital military fact of the Axis desperate need for high test gasoline—the liquid gold of the Second World War. To meet this crisis, German and Italian agents have passed the word in Mexico that a cash harvest awaits any syndicate that can deliver oil to the Reich, crude or refined, across the blockade-free Pacific and Russia's trans-Siberian railroad.

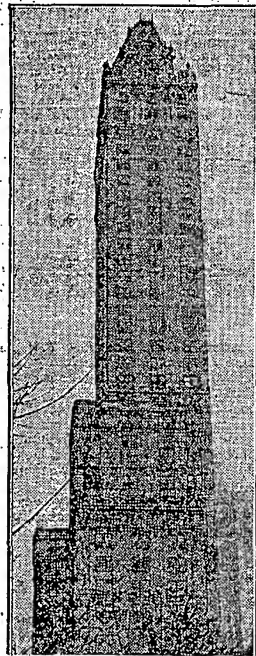
Almazan, Under Incognito

The story's cast of characters includes Mexico's Gen. Juan Andreu Almazan, whose strange conversion from enmity to co-operation with

## Play in Amazing Drama



(By Associated Press)  
Capt. Frederick Swann and his wife, the former Louise Prentiss Groothoff, who figure prominently in Hotel Pierre story of international intrigue.



The Hotel Pierre, haven for international set.

his successful rival, President Manuel Avila Camacho, took place a few weeks ago while he was registered at the Pierre under the name of John Andreu. And it includes William Gibbs McAdoo, ex-United States Senator from California, mentioned prominently last week as one of 20 American businessmen who have pooled \$100,000,000 for investment in Mexico—if Avila Camacho will give a free hand.

But the chief occupant of the spotlight is the Hotel Pierre's multi-millionaire owner, J. Paul Getty, 47-year-old friend of Adolf Hitler, and self-assessed supplier of oil to Russia, who is now on a Mexican cruise with McAdoo on the latter's yacht.

The story of Getty, Almazan and the Pierre starts in April, 1939. It was then that Getty, California oil man with a Midas touch, put up a \$2,500,000 bid for the three-block

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# Agents of 5 Nations at Grips in Hotel Here

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he was off to Europe. For months he remained at the Hotel Adlon in Berlin. He directed his new property by cable. He appointed as manager the genial and dynamic Baron Gustave von Loewenfeld, an Austrian who proceeded to breathe into it the Continental atmosphere of Vienna's Hotel Imperial and Paris Hotel Ritz.

When the war began Getty was still in Europe. And when the refugees of the international set flocked to America von Loewenfeld nabbed them for the Pierre.

Shortly before the war's full flood of guests set in G Men have learned Capt. Frederick Swann, former Berlin associate of Prince Philip of Hesse, arrived at the Pierre on a British passport. He was soon to play a part in Gen. Almazan's maneuvers at the Pierre. Swann was accompanied by his beautiful wife, the twice married former Louise Prentiss Groothoff of Greenwich Conn.

## Living in Style

Swann, the G Men ascertained, told the Pierre management that he was a member of the British Purchasing Commission. But to the probers' commission officials disavowed any connection with the captain.

To other guests at the Pierre, investigators learned Swann had quietly represented himself variously as a British agent, a wool buyer and a government aviation official. These claims were not substantiated by Britain's official representatives. But meanwhile the Swanns lived in style.

Then on Nov. 24, 1939, Getty returned from Europe with the announcement that he had completed a sale to Russia of 1,000,000 barrels of oil to be delivered by his Pacific Western Oil Co. With him

on the Conte di Savoia was his friend, pretty blonde Hilda Kruger, German movie actress.

Getty stayed in New York barely long enough to exhibit a painting of himself wearing a necktie



J. Paul Getty  
Spotlight on him

presented by Adolf Hitler. Gerald Brockhurst, British portraitist, was the artist.

Then Getty was off to Los Angeles—soon to be followed by the beautiful Hilda—to launch a multi-million dollar series of oil company mergers which have spread his interests over the management of five large oil and realty corporations.

Reports of his dabbling in Mexico's expropriated oil properties emanated from Getty's close association with S. Manuel Reachi, ex-husband of Agnes Ayres, movie actress and once Mexican Consul

at Los Angeles. Reachi, further more for months, has played the role of legal adviser to Gen. Almazan.

Capt. Swann and his wife reentered the picture last April, made a trip to Mexico City and were entertained lavishly by Reachi. It was after this visit that reports first circulated that Gen. Almazan's followers would revolt if he were not elected President of Mexico.

Almazan lost the July 7 election to the Cardenas blessed candidate Avila Camacho but right up to his recent visit to the United States he claimed he would assume office with the aid of the army. His partisans—with fingers on their triggers—awaited the signal.

## Almazan and the Swanns

But suddenly sweetness and light descended on Gen. Almazan. Last month he came to the Hotel Pierre from Baltimore and registered as John Andreu. With him was Reachi. And their constant companions were Capt. and Mrs. Swann. In fact, the few public appearances made by the foursome outside of conference rooms were with the beautiful Louise's arm on that of the squat, bulky Mexican general. Swann and Reachi trailed behind.

In this get-together G Men are sure definite understanding was reached on the Getty-Reachi-Almazan-Swann axis which bears on the charge of Almazan's opponents that his heart belongs to the Nazis.

Since then Almazan and Reachi have returned to Mexico City via Los Angeles, the headquarters of the Getty empire. Since then the \$100,000,000 American syndicate which includes George Houston, former Baldwin Locomotive head, and George Creel, World War publicist, has been nursing both political camps. Eventually they per-

suaded Almazan to smile on his sworn enemy Camacho. And in a rising clamor Almazan's followers are shouting that their leader has deserted them.

And now McAdoo has embarked on his yacht for a Mexican cruise taking Getty and Hilda along. And



Gen. Juan Almazan  
Suddenly turned friendly with

from Los Angeles, investigators have learned Reachi has made arrangements for Almazan to live there in his accustomed style.

Oil men here were rather excited yesterday by the Mexican puzzle. By their computations Italy is already badly in need of oil and Germany must stock up quickly if she is to continue the war at the consumption levels averaged thus far. Sometime this month, say the experts, the Nazi war machine will have exhausted the oil stocks cap-

tured from invaded countries.

The Axis has its own refineries, but these have been favorite targets for the RAF. Although Mexican crude oil would be acceptable high test gasoline refined in the United States from Mexican and American crude oil and reshipped through Mexico would be far more welcome. And this procedure would dodge all U.S. embargoes.

David Hecht, counsel and spokesman for Getty here, stated that his client had no intention of selling oil to Germany. He added: Getty is in the oil business and can sell wherever allowed by American laws. He described Getty's present cruise with McAdoo as merely a fishing trip.

## Good Business Man

Other associates of Getty pointed out that the oil man had contributed to British War Relief and was neither pro-Nazi nor pro-British but a good business man.

And meanwhile the Pierre, New York locale of the international maneuvers, flourishes as a gilded Yankee version of the fabled Grand Hotel. The dashing von Loewenfeld resigned his managerial post a few weeks ago; it was reported after a disagreement over the policies of Harold L. Rowland, president. Guenther Kicks, former German infantryman, is now acting manager. He is aided by Frederick Lange, efficiency expert once a German submarine captain.

The Grand Hotel boom was still in full swing there yesterday with only 30 out of 620 rooms reported vacant. Swelled by war and intrigue, the guest list in the last few weeks has not only included the agents of Germany, Italy, Mexico, British Intelligence and the FBI, but Hohenzollern princesses, German barons, titled Britons and seven members of the famous House of Rothschild.

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Re J PAUL GETTY,  
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Dear Sir

As you will undoubtedly recall, a recent article appeared in the New York Daily News in the column of [redacted] on December 20, 1940, setting forth information as to an alleged foreign intrigue that was taking place at the HOTEL PIERRE, in New York City, which was virtually branded as being a nest for Nazis in the New York area.

On this date, [redacted] of the HOTEL PIERRE, came into the New York Field Division office and in my absence was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] of this division [redacted] advised that as a result of the newspaper publicity, business at the Hotel Pierre had materially decreased and numerous of the residents had indicated their intention of changing their place of residence by reason of the charges set forth in this newspaper article. While he expressed his opinion that neither Mr Getty who was the owner of the hotel, nor himself, as [redacted] were desirous of bringing any civil action against the Daily News for the charges contained in the article referred to, he was desirous, if possible, of securing some sort of letter or written statement from the Bureau indicating that the information and charges appearing in the newspaper article were not, as mentioned therein, furnished to the newspaper by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He advised that he was not at all desirous of obtaining any information or any expression from the Bureau as to what, if any, investigative action was taking place concerning these matters, but that in view of the fact that he was convinced the Bureau was not the source of this

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Re: J. PAUL GETTY

information to the newspaper. He felt that perhaps some sort of a letter would be given to him so that he might have same available to exhibit to any guest of the hotel who was desirous of terminating his residence there by reason of the charges appearing in the newspaper. He further advised that this expression or statement from the Bureau, was positively not intended, in any manner, to be used in connection with any civil suit or proceeding in the event it was subsequently decided to take some action against the New York Daily News.

Agent [ ] advised [ ] that in view of the confidential nature of the information appearing in the files of the Bureau, no statement or comment could, of course, be made as to whether the Bureau was conducting any investigation concerning any of the individuals mentioned in the newspaper article of [ ]. He was further advised that this division would likewise not be in a position to furnish any expression or written statement to the effect that this Bureau was not the source of the information appearing in the newspaper article. It was definitely indicated to him that any such letter or written expression would necessarily have to emanate directly from the Bureau in Washington, D C, but it was pointed out to [ ] that as a matter of usual procedure, it was against the policy of the Bureau to issue any such statement as he desired.

Inasmuch as [ ] desired to be advised whether there was any objections to his making a direct contact of the Bureau in Washington, D C through certain channels which he had in that city, he was advised that if he were desirous of taking such action he should feel perfectly free to do so. In view of this possibility, the above information is being furnished to the Bureau so that same might be available in the event a direct inquiry is received from [ ] in the premises.

At the time of the above interview [ ] mentioned that in addition to his being [ ] of the Getty Realty Company which operates the Hotel Pierre in New York City, he was likewise the [ ] of the GEORGE F. GETTY, INC of California, [ ] of the MISSION CORP., [ ] of the PACIFIC WESTERN OIL CO., [ ] of the KELLY OIL CO, Tulsa, Okla and [ ] of the SANTA FE INVESTMENT CO. He informed that the GETTY REALTY CO purchased an interest in the Hotel Pierre in September 1938 but did not acquire the ownership and complete operation thereof until May 4, 1939.

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Re: J. PAUL GETTY.

He informed that subject GETTY, in this investigation, traced his ancestry back to the Revolution in the United States, was a loyal American and that the charges made against him in this newspaper article were absolutely absurd. He informed, as a matter of fact, that Mr Getty has never had any direct contact or acquaintance with [redacted] but he admitted that he was an acquaintance of [redacted] both of whom were for a period of time residents at the Hotel Pierre. He also admitted that at the present time, MR GETTY was in Mexico City for the inauguration of the new president there.

It might be noted that as a result of the interview had with [redacted] it is Agent [redacted] opinion that he appeared to be very sincere in the statements made by him, and he indicated his wholehearted desire to cooperate with this Bureau in connection with any investigations that might, in the future be conducted relative to residents at the Hotel Pierre in New York City. He requested, however, that in the future he be directly contacted with regard to any confidential matters involving guests at the hotel, so that the information might not, in any manner, be brought to the attention of [redacted] [redacted] for whose reliability he could not vouch.

Very truly yours,

*B E Sackett*

B. E. SACKETT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Los Angeles.

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FILE NO 65-1745

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D C.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/4/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/30/40	REPORT MADE BY LOUIS LOEBL LL KM
TITLE JEAN PAUL GETTY, with alias		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - I <i>Declassified</i> 5-1-84	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS Subject, born at Minneapolis in December, 1892, has had passports since 1920, last passport issued 1936 Passports applied for for travel in various European countries and in the West Indies Files reflect no information as to various trips undertaken <i>Lee OSD</i> <i>5-27-59</i> <i>6-16-59</i> <i>Re: [redacted] RUC</i> <i>Agency OSI Dist of C</i> <i>OSI [redacted]</i> <i>OSI [redacted]</i> <i>OSI [redacted]</i>			
REFERENCE		Report of Special Agent V I Parry, Los Angeles, California, December 18, 1940	
DETAILS		AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	
Confidential Informant S-2 informed Agent that according to the passport file on JEAN PAUL GETTY, the latter was born at Minneapolis, Minnesota, on December 15, 1892 His father, GEORGE FRANKLIN GETTY, is said to have been born in Maryland GETTY was issued passports in 1920, 1926, 1928, 1932, and 1936 His last passport, No 284,603, was issued on May 15, 1936, upon application executed at the Department the same day At that time he gave his address as 809 Otter Rock Drive, Greenwich, Connecticut He stated in the application that he desired to visit Germany, France, and England for pleasure The files contained no information as to the countries which he visited while bearing that passport, which was,			
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of course, valid for travel in all countries In previous applications MR. GETTY indicated that he planned to live in various European countries and in the West Indies.

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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I am transmitting herewith a photostatic copy of a newspaper article which appeared in the New York Daily News on December 20, 1940, entitled "Agents of Five Nations at Grips in Hotel Here".

It is noted that the author of this article is Guy Richards, who states that the Hotel Pierre in New York City is a meeting place for agents of five nations, where efforts have been made to provide shipments of high test gasoline to Germany and Italy.

It is inferred by Guy Richards that the received the information concerning the activities of the various individuals mentioned from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which it is inferred, has been conducting an investigation of certain individuals mentioned in the article, as well as the management of the Hotel Pierre.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has not at any time given any information to Mr. Guy Richards or any other representative of the New York Daily News, concerning any investigation which may have been conducted concerning the activities of the individuals mentioned in the newspaper article. This Bureau has not conducted any investigation concerning the Hotel Pierre and, of course, has not made any statements concerning the management of that hotel.

Investigation has been conducted, however, by this Bureau of certain individuals named in the newspaper article of Mr. Guy Richards, and the reason for these investigations, together with a brief statement of the information thus far obtained, will be set forth herein.

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Mr Jean Paul Getty is presently being investigated by this Bureau as a result of information received from a confidential informant who advised that after the purchase of the Hotel Pierre about two years ago by Mr Getty, a number of the old employees of the hotel were dismissed while Mr Getty was in Germany. It was alleged by the informant that during the summer of 1940, the Hotel Pierre catered to the employees of the Italian Consulate

Information has been received, although not verified by this Bureau, that Jean Paul Getty is forty-three years of age and is the son and heir of the late George F. Getty, who left more than twenty-five million dollars and who was the owner of the George F. Getty, Incorporated oil company and the Pacific Western Oil Company.

Jean Paul Getty acquired a majority of his father's interests, which are represented in the above-mentioned companies as well as his extensive real estate and security holdings.

In 1929, [redacted] was listed as [redacted] and one of the [redacted] of the George F. Getty, Incorporated oil company of Jersey City, New Jersey, which has branches in Los Angeles, California and Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Additional information which has been received indicates that for two years prior to 1936, Getty, due to domestic difficulties, traveled in the United States and Europe. In 1938, it is reported that [redacted] a prominent [redacted] and Democratic Party figure, and J. Paul Getty were disclosed as the chief financial supporters of Senator William Gibbs McAdoo in his race for renomination, and that Getty had contributed \$5,000.00 to this cause.

In November, 1939, it was reported that Getty had returned to New York from Italy after negotiating with Soviet Russian buyers in Berlin, Germany, for the sale

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of one million barrels of California oil to be used in Siberia, Getty stating that it would cost less to transport oil from California to Vladivostok than from the Russian owned Baku oil fields

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In connection with this Bureau's observation of the 1940 Mexican presidential election, it was learned that [redacted]

[redacted] the defeated candidate, had left Mexico to visit this country (S)(u)

A surveillance of [redacted] was maintained and investigation reflected that followers of [redacted] were gathering in San Antonio, Texas for the purpose of plotting a revolution to overthrow [redacted] and to place [redacted] in the Office of President of Mexico (S)(u)

The surveillance of [redacted] led to the Hotel Pierre, New York City, where he stayed on several occasions during the summer and fall of 1940. On August 28, 1940, [redacted] requested that the management of the Hotel Pierre permit him to smuggle a guest into his room without having the guest register. The management agreed to do this. (S)(u)

It was thought that this guest of [redacted] was [redacted], and for the purpose of effecting an identification, a picture of [redacted] was exhibited to a [redacted] of the hotel. After viewing this photograph, [redacted] proceeded to the room where this unknown person was, taking mail which was to be delivered to the occupant of the room. On the delivery of this mail personally to this unknown individual, he was positively identified by [redacted] as being [redacted]. (S)(u)

In connection with the investigation at the Hotel Pierre, the management, [redacted], was very cooperative, providing Agents of this Bureau with a list of telephone calls emanating from the room occupied by [redacted] and also with the contents of the waste paper basket of that room. (S)(u)

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After [ ] departure from the hotel, Clausen permitted Agents to make a search of the room vacated by [ ]. No investigation was conducted of the Hotel Pierre. (S) (u)

In maintaining this surveillance of [ ], it was learned that the occupied a room adjoining that of [ ] at the Hotel Carlton in Washington, D C , and that he spent an entire day with [ ] while in Washington. (S) (u)

It will be noted that [ ] was connected with the War Department during the World War in the formation of plans by that Department for the enforcement of the Selective Service Act.

In June, 1939, he was [ ] of the Golden Gate Exposition Commission in San Francisco, California, and is connected as a [ ] with Colliers weekly

No active investigation has been conducted as to [ ] investigation in connection with [ ] is still pending. (S) (u)

[ ] is the subject of an investigation now being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation [ ] at the Hotel Pierre while in New York City, but is not known to have any connection with the management thereof

The investigation of [ ] was initiated inasmuch as his activities are considered suspicious, he having reported himself as being a member of the British intelligence and is known to have contacted and shown a great interest in several aircraft and aircraft engine manufacturing plants in the United States [ ] is also considered dangerous by the Canadian authorities. (S) (u)

[ ] is reported by the British authorities to have been contacting German agents and diplomatic representatives in Mexico and Havana and is known to have contacted [ ] mentioned above. The investigation of [ ] is pending at the present time. (S) (u)

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A review of the files of this Bureau reflects that no investigation is being conducted of any of the other individuals mentioned in the newspaper article referred to above

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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[REDACTED]

January 2nd, 1941.

[REDACTED]  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear [REDACTED]

With reference to the conversation which I had with you the other day in Washington, I herewith take pleasure in sending you copy of a letter written by the Counsel acting for Mr. Paul Getty and the Pierre Hotel to the British Embassy for the attention of my friend, [REDACTED] who as I have told you is well acquainted with the case.

I thought it essential to send this to you, as it confirms the various statements which I have made to you and also exonerates me from the malicious allegations made by the Daily News.

I would consider it a great favor if you showed this document to Mr. Maurice Acers as I am very anxious that he should be acquainted with the facts as they come to light.

Yours very truly,

[REDACTED]

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50 Broadway  
New York, N. Y.

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December 30, 1940

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British Embassy,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

We are addressing you at the request of [redacted] on behalf of Mr. J. Paul Getty and the Hotel Pierre, who are clients of this office, with respect to statements made in an article recently appearing in the New York Daily News.

On behalf of our clients, we confirm that [redacted] has never had any dealings of any kind or character with Mr. J. Paul Getty and has never met Mr. Getty. We also confirm that [redacted] has had no dealings of any character with any company owned or operated by Mr. Getty or with which he is associated, other than the Hotel Pierre, and as to the Hotel Pierre, merely as a [redacted] thereof. [redacted] has had no dealings concerning oil or any other products with Mr. Getty or any of his companies.

We also confirm that neither Mr. Getty nor any company owned or controlled by him has ever dealt with or for the benefit of Germany or any other Axis power, nor have they purchased or sold any Mexican Oil, nor do they contemplate, nor have they ever contemplated doing so.

With respect to the term used in the article "Getty [redacted] Axis", Mr. Getty has never had any business, political or other dealings with any of the gentlemen mentioned. He has never met [redacted]. He met [redacted] socially some twenty years ago and has not seen him since that time, except for a casual meeting about a year and a half ago, at which time only greetings were exchanged.

We also confirm that we have been advised by the Federal Bureau of Investigation that there has never been any investigation of Mr. Getty or any

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December 30, 1940

[redacted]  
any plot or conspiracy hatched in the Hotel Pierre or elsewhere to deal in oil or with any other purpose involving Mr. Getty and the other persons named in the article, and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has no intention of making such investigation and has no knowledge or information which would permit them to make such investigation.

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We have been advised by [redacted]

[redacted] of the Hotel Pierre, the [redacted] and the

[redacted] that [redacted] at no time stated to them or any of

them that he was a member of the British Purchasing Commission.

The article is incorrect and untrue in many other respects in so far as it concerns Mr. Getty. For example, it states that Mr. Getty is a friend of Adolph Hitler and had his portrait painted in a tie presented to him by Adolph Hitler. Mr. Getty never met and does not know Hitler, and is not and has never been friendly or sympathetic to him. The tie in which his portrait was painted was purchased at Burberry's, in London. Neither the hotel nor Mr. Getty are pro-Nazi in any sense of the word. Mr. Getty has been a constant contributor to funds and campaigns designed to aid the British in the present war.

Very truly yours,

LEVE, HECHT & HADFIELD.

Los Angeles, California  
December 26, 1940

Special Agent in Charge,  
New Haven, Connecticut.

Re: File No. 65-2170

Dear Sir:

There are attached two copies of the report of Special Agent V. I. PARRY, Los Angeles, dated December 18, 1940, in the above-entitled case requesting investigation at Greenwich, Connecticut. Copies were erroneously indicated for Hartford, Connecticut.

The request for investigation is based on information appearing in the report of Special Agent V. I. PARRY, Los Angeles, dated November 12, 1940, in which report copies were also erroneously designated for Hartford, but were probably sent to your office. In the event you did not receive the report dated November 12, 1940, a copy will be forwarded you if this office is so advised.

Very truly yours,

E. B. HOOD  
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

NH FILE NO. 65-319 htm

REPORT MADE AT NEW HAVEN, CONN.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/27/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/9/40 - 1/6/41	REPORT MADE BY KENNETH C. WEST
TITLE JEAN PAUL GETTY, alias J. Paul Getty			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - I

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation fails to disclose any record of Subject Getty at Greenwich, Connecticut.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent V. T. Parry, Los Angeles, 11/12/40.

DETAILS: AT GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT

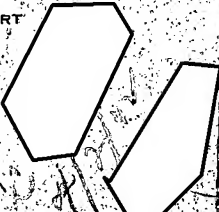
On 12/9/40, a letter was addressed to Chief Patrick J. Flanagan of the Greenwich, Connecticut Police Department requesting appropriate investigation at that place.

By a letter dated 12/23/40 Chief Flanagan advised that a thorough investigation at Greenwich had failed to disclose any record regarding Subject. He stated that [redacted] at Greenwich had made a check of the records and route books of all carriers and had failed to find any record of Subject; that [redacted] Clerk in the Office of the Registrar of Voters, Town Hall, Greenwich, was interviewed and that she failed to find any record on Subject and that [redacted] of the Greenwich Credit Bureau 34 E. Putnam Avenue, searched his records and advised that he had no record regarding subject.

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Chief Flanagan further advised that he had caused all of the large apartment houses in Greenwich to be visited and that the superintendent of each of these had been interviewed, but that none of these had any record or recollection of

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Subject Mr. Flanagan further stated that the large hotels of Greenwich were contacted with negative results and that the local postmaster, who owns numerous converted apartment houses, stated that he had no knowledge of subject.

Chief Flanagan concluded that the name Getty was not listed in the Polk Directory for Greenwich, Connecticut.

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January 14, 1941

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Dear Sir

Your letter of January 2, 1941, addressed to

 of this Bureau, together with its enclosure,  
has been received and duly noted

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

CC - NEW YORK  
(with copy of incoming)

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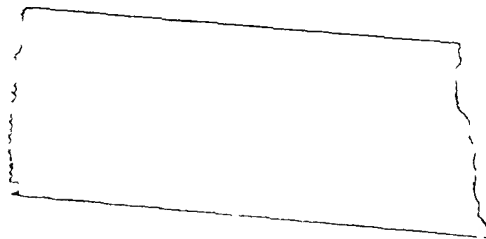
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MEMORANDUM

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Re: [redacted]

Espionage - G. [redacted]

Referring to memorandums of February 25th and 28th, 1941 entitled NAZI ACTIVITIES - [redacted]

The [redacted] woman has returned from Veracruz, and on March 15, 1941, she moved from the Majestic Hotel to an apartment in the [redacted]  
[redacted]

She seems to be plentifully supplied with money and plays the night life of Mexico City. She has surreptitious meetings with JOHN PAUL GETTY who appears to be an old flame of hers. She has apparently settled down for a long stay in Mexico, and further efforts will be made to keep check on her activities.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Los Angeles, California

FILE NO 65-853

REPORT MADE AT New Orleans, Louisiana	DATE WHEN MADE 4/3/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/3/41	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted] PMH
TITLE JEAN PAUL GETTY, alias J. Paul Getty.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - I.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS <p>Records of New Orleans office, as reflected by report of Special Agent [Redacted] New Orleans, 3/29/37, New Orleans file 45-118, show FREDERICK LANGE, Captain of Steam Yacht Blue Water, on 2/25/37 assaulted chef of said vessel at Port Ponce, P R, for which offense he was prosecuted in USDC, New Orleans, La, for violation of Section 455, Title 18, USC, that LANGE on arraignment to the indictment entered plea of not guilty, waived jury trial, and USDC, after hearing testimony, rendered verdict of not guilty That person is evidently the same FREDERICH LANGE referred to in instant investigation</p> <p>AGENCY [Redacted] OSI DIST OFF 4 REG REC D 3-16-55 REP'L FORM 4-6-55 BY [Redacted]</p> <p>REFERENCE Report of Special Agent V I PARRY, Los Angeles, California, dated 12/18/40</p> <p>DETAILS According to the report dated March 29, 1937, submitted by Special Agent [Redacted] of the New Orleans Field office, in the case entitled "FREDERICK LANGE, CRIME ON HIGH SEAS", New Orleans file 45-118, the said FREDERICK LANGE, a Captain on the Steam Yacht Blue Water, committed an assault on February 25, 1937, on board the said vessel at Port Ponce, Puerto Rico, upon the chef of the said vessel and that upon proper authorization a complaint was filed before the U S Commissioner at New Orleans,</p> <p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED [Signature: W. B. Fletcher] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 111 17-0-11 APR 14 1941 APR 7 - 1941 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 4-4-80 BY SPI gpr/f</p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 Bureau 2 Los Angeles 2 New Orleans</p>			

Louisiana, March 24, 1937, charging the said FREDERICK LANGE with violation of Section 455, Title 18, U S Code According to the report of Special Agent TEMPLE dated at New Orleans, Louisiana, April 8, 1937, the said FREDERICK LANGE on arraignment in the U S District Court April 2, 1937, to the indictment against him in that case entered a plea of not guilty, waived jury trial, and the court after hearing testimony rendered a verdict of not guilty

The description of FREDERICK LANGE, as contained in the New Orleans file in the above case referred to, is as follows

NAME	FREDERICK LANGE
RESIDENCE	1152 Broad Ave , Wilmington, Calif
AGE	51 (born 1/30/86, Rodding, Denmark, formerly part of Germany)
HEIGHT	6' 1"
WEIGHT	195
BUILD	Medium
HAIR	Dark brown
EYES	Grey-blue
COMPLEXION	Florid
OCCUPATION	Master mariner
MARITAL STATUS	Married [REDACTED]

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According to letter dated April 6, 1937, from the Bureau, Bureau file 45-1000, to the New Orleans office, information is furnished that it has not been possible to locate any record in the fingerprint files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D C , relative to the said FREDERICK LANGE, U S Marshal, New Orleans, Louisiana, #103

Evidently the trouble which the said FREDERICK LANGE is reported to have been in at New Orleans with the FBI is the violation of crime on the high seas, referred to above

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February 28, 1941.

MEMORANDUMPERSONAL AND ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~Re NAZI ACTIVITIES,  
HILDA KRUGER

Referring to memorandum of February 25, 1941, [redacted] returned to Mexico City on February 27, 1941, and is still domiciled at the [redacted]. She is corresponding with [redacted]. It appears that the person with whom she talked over long distance telephone on Feb 17, 1941, was a Dr von GONTARD and not [redacted] as was mentioned in a previous memorandum. She has stated that Dr von GONTARD is [redacted] and that he is either the [redacted] of some large brewery in [redacted]. Her telephone conversation with this man indicates that he intends coming to Mexico very shortly.

[redacted] is also reported to be a [redacted] and to be a lady friend of JOHN PAUL GETTY, who is the alleged owner of the Hotel Pierre in New York City. GETTY has been in Mexico for 2 or 3 months, and he did maintain two apartments, one at the Hotel Ritz, and the other at a fashionable place called "L'ESCARGOT", located at the corner of Calles Central and Ferral. He has now given up his apartment in the Hotel Ritz, but still maintains the one at L'Escargot. GETTY has spent money lavishly since he has been in Mexico and he has stated that he contemplates the building of a large hotel at Acapulco, Mexico. GETTY speaks German fluently, and a great many of his associates since he has been in Mexico have been Germans.

The writer was confidentially informed and has occasion to see a dispatch from the State Department to the American Embassy on February 27, 1941, requesting the Embassy to conduct an investigation relative to the [redacted] woman and stating that she was a [redacted] and a friend of both [redacted] and HITLER.

It is not known what investigative action will be taken by the American Embassy. The [redacted] woman will be kept under observation unless further instructions are received.

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(u) It is requested that information be furnished concerning what is known regarding the [redacted] woman, and also information concerning what is known about JOHN PAUL GETTY.

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## MEMORANDUM

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[redacted]

[redacted] good looking  
Registered at the [redacted] on  
February 10, 1941, and designated to [redacted] At  
time she registered she stated that she might be in  
Mexico for one year and got a 50% discount on a 30  
peso a day room She speaks French, English, German,  
Italian, and Spanish She claims to be an American  
citizen She has a most extensive wardrobe of clothes.  
She is visited by persons appearing to be German as  
well as by Mexican Government officials. among the  
latter is [redacted] of

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[redacted] She plays the night life of Mexico gen-  
erally accompanied by two young ladies of German type,  
and one other who spends a great deal of time in her  
room On February 21 she went to a money exchange on  
the corner of Bolivar and Madero Streets where she  
changed a large roll of American bills for Mexican  
currency On February 17 at 7 PM she talked over long  
distance for 16 minutes with some person in Palm  
Beach, Florida On Feb 19 at midnight she talked  
for 3 minutes with a [redacted] at [redacted]  
On Feb 20 she talked for 17 minutes with a [redacted]  
[redacted] at [redacted]

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On February 21, 1941 she left Mexico City for  
Veracruz accompanied by a German man and the two young  
ladies above mentioned Their trip was, so they stat-  
ed, to participate in the "Fiesta" that was to take  
place in Veracruz from Feb. 21 to the 25th. She  
still retains her room at the [redacted]

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Further check will be made concerning [redacted]  
woman

Any information available in the [redacted]  
concerning this woman should be forwarded to the  
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March 27, 1941

**MEMORANDUM**

**RE: JEAN PAUL GETTY**

*S/P woc*

Jean Paul Getty, whose address in 1936 was 270 Ocean Front, Santa Monica, California, was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, December 15, 1892. He is the son and heir of the late George F. Getty, 647 South Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles, California, who left more than \$25,000,000 in his estate. He was the owner of the Getty Oil Company and the Pacific Western Oil Company. Jean Getty acquired a majority of his father's interests in these oil companies and extensive real estate and security holdings.

In the last two years due to domestic difficulties Jean Getty has traveled in the United States and Europe and the actual operation of his business has been left in the hands of his employees who remain in Los Angeles. It is reported that Getty has been married four times, his first wife charging him with immorality in a divorce complaint and naming twenty-six co-respondents. He subsequently married a German girl, but after having been married a short time he turned his attention to other women and his wife learned of his conduct and returned to Germany. She did not wish a divorce due to religious scruples and so Getty obtained a divorce in Mexico. His third marriage also culminated in a Mexican divorce. He married a fourth time and in 1936 it was reported that a divorce action was pending at which time his wife was charging him with unfaithful conduct and association with other women.

The morgue file of the Los Angeles Times contains a great many clippings concerning Getty, most of which deal with his marital troubles. One article dated September 23, 1927, showed that he and [redacted] were married on October 2, 1923, at Ventura, California, and separated on February 15, 1927. [redacted] obtained a final divorce decree on September 22, 1927. This article also indicated that in November, 1924, Getty was arrested for a violation of the Wright Act and fined \$100. An article dated December 6, 1917, showed that [redacted] sued Getty for a large amount claiming that he was the father of her child. This suit was later dropped.

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MEMORANDUM

RE: [redacted] alias

[redacted] is reportedly a [redacted] who left Germany a few years ago because of the non-Aryan status of her husband. She was in London, England, at the outbreak of the present war engaged in the [redacted] However, because of hostilities she was obliged to leave England. Thereafter she came to the United States. She resided for several months at the [redacted] checking out on January 25, 1940, proceeding to Beverly Hills, California.

She registered at the Beverly-Hilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills on February 11, 1940. It is reported that during her stay in California she attempted to convey the impression that she intended going into [redacted] but apparently made no effort to do so. [redacted] of the "Hollywood Reporter" stated that it is rumored that she has been the sweetheart of [redacted] of Propaganda, and a [redacted] of Adolf Hitler. He further advised that on May 18, 1940, she attended a dance at Ciro's Cafe in Hollywood, California, in the company of [redacted]

On February 5, 1941, [redacted] arrived in St. Louis, Missouri, where she contacted Gert Von Gontard, heir to the Anheuser-Busch fortune. Together they left St. Louis, Missouri, going to San Antonio, Texas. Von Gontard from there returned to St. Louis, and [redacted] proceeded to Laredo, Texas, at which point she advised United States Customs officials that she was going to Mexico City in order that she could arrange for a lawful re-entry into the United States so that she might marry Gert Von Gontard. (U)

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It is reported that Getty in 1939 negotiated with Soviet Russian buyers in Berlin, Germany, for the sale of one million barrels of California oil to be used in Siberia.

The Getty estate is reported to own the Hotel Pierre, New York City. In this connection it is noted that in 1940 it was learned that [redacted]

[redacted] the defeated candidate for the Presidency of Mexico, stopped at this hotel on several occasions. On August 28, 1940, Raschi requested the management to permit him to smuggle a guest into his room without having the guest register. This guest was later identified as [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. P. E. FOXWORTH

RE: [redacted] was;  
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Reference is made to the Personal and Confidential memorandum dated February 28, 1941, which was submitted by Special Agent in Charge Gus Jones. He requested that information be furnished him concerning [redacted] and John Paul Getty, who have of late been in Mexico City, in order that he could intelligently endeavor to obtain information concerning them. *WAG*

Copies of the attached memoranda concerning [redacted] and Jean Paul Getty have been personally delivered to Mr. Gus Jones, who is presently at the Seat of Government for the conference of the Special Agents in Charge. It is believed that the John Paul Getty referred to in reference memorandum is identical with Jean Paul Getty.

Respectfully,

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It is noted that Baron Gert Von Gentard arrived on the SS Olympic from Cherbourg on July 5, 1933. At that time he stated that he was twenty-six years of age, an editor by occupation, and a German citizen born in Berlin, Germany. He was admitted into the United States on quota immigration visa 7069 issued at Berlin, Germany, March 14, 1933. His father is Paul Von Gentard, Bendlerstrasse 41, Berlin, Germany. Gert Von Gentard's final destination was given as St. Louis, Missouri. He stated that he had never been in the United States before and that he was going to his [redacted] of [redacted]. At that time he asserted that he intended to become a United States citizen. (S/4)

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Paul GETTY (?) GETTY - Hotel Pierre, Fifth Avenue, New York

March 24, 1941 - Alleged by the [ ] of the Hotel,

[ ] to have been involved in a 5th Columnist scandal  
in the Hotel. Getty is probably now in Mexico.

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<b>TITLE</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>JEAN PAUL GETTY, alias J. Paul Getty</b></p>			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ESPIONAGE (APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF Declassified)</b></p>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS**

GETTY has personal and trustee accounts in the Security First National Bank at Los Angeles with nearly \$1000 in each account. Distinction between accounts is unknown. Current checks are signed by employees rather than GETTY. Checks paid during March 1941 are mostly for alimony to former wives. A letter of credit for \$10,000 was forwarded January 28, 1941 to GETTY in Mexico City. Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York City made credit inquiry regarding GETTY on February 6, 1941.

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**REFERENCES**

Reports of Special Agent V I ~~Barry~~, Los Angeles, dated November 12-1940 and December 18, 1940.

**DETAILS.**

It was ascertained from Confidential Informant [redacted] that JEAN PAUL GETTY maintains two accounts with the security office of the Security First National Bank of Los Angeles, California. Informant advised that one account is a personal account which has an average balance of approximately \$80,000 and the other is a trustee

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account which has an average balance of approximately \$95,000. He advised that he had been unable to ascertain the distinction between the two accounts. Informant advised that he had examined the cancelled checks paid against these accounts during the month of March 1941 and had noted that while JEAN PAUL GETTY is authorized to sign the checks, none of them had been signed by them but had been signed by persons believed to be office employees. He further advised that he had been unable to find that any of the disbursements from these two accounts were of interest, they being mostly alimony payments to his various ex-wives.

Informant advised that he had ascertained from the records of the bank that on January 28, 1941, an American Express Company letter of credit #93735 in the amount of \$10,000 had been forwarded to GETTY through the Banco Nacional de Mexico at Mexico City. He also advised that the credit files of the bank disclosed that on February 6, 1941, inquiry was made by [redacted] [redacted] Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York [redacted] regarding GETTY indicating that the bank had a customer who was contemplating business dealings with GETTY.

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Informant advised that he had been unable to determine from the cancelled checks on file or from any other source where GETTY is presently making his residence.

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THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

\*At New York City, as requested by the Bureau, will conduct investigation concerning the purchase of the Hotel Pierre, Fifth Avenue and 61 Street, New York City, and endeavor to determine whether the allegations that the employees and those who frequent the hotel have some Italian Consular connections.

\*Will endeavor to locate the address of GETTY in New York City and conduct the investigation requested by the Bureau as set out in reference report 11-12-40.

Will interview [redacted]  
[redacted] Chemical Bank and Trust Company for the purpose of securing information regarding the present activities of GETTY.

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THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION

\*At New Orleans, is requested to advise whether that office has any record of FREDERICH LANGE

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

\*At Los Angeles, will check the arrest record of GETTY at the Police Department and Sheriff's Office and continue efforts to locate his residence at the present time in order that the investigation requested by the Bureau may be completed.

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*Hotel Pierre*

FROM [REDACTED]

FIFTH AVENUE AT 61ST STREET

TELEPHONE REGENT 4 5900

NEW YORK CITY

Monday, July, 21, 1941

FOR RELEASE

*To Address [unclear]*

*E* That P M story about Paul Getty was a rewrite of the News story  
*11/1/41* about the Pierre of some months past.

Paul was educated in California and at Oxford, not in Germany.

Doesn't hold any German patents through holding corporations,  
 doesn't control Tidewater, doesn't ship oil to Germany, Spain,

Russia and Japan He never was given a tie by Hitler, never  
 announced the sale of a million barrels of oil to Russia, ( he  
 said he was thinking of it,) never was involved in the Mexican  
 presidential election. Paul never knew [REDACTED] and Lang,

the efficiency expert, never was in a submarine in his life.

There are a lot of other things about the story which were wrong,

but the above shows how inaccurate it was

What Paul Getty can't do, though, is sue a newspaper, since he is 911

a wealthy man and wouldn't have a chance to collect damages.

The trouble with him is that he doesn't realize stories like this

hurt his business, and I have been trying to impress him with that

fact.

Thanks for everything

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August 13, 1941

Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

RE: JEAN PAUL GETTY;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - I.

Dear Sir:

For your guidance and assistance in the investigation, I wish to advise that information has been received from an outside, highly confidential source concerning the above captioned individual. This information apparently originates from a source close to the subject. According to the data received, Getty was educated in California and at Oxford, and does not, reportedly, hold any German patents through holding corporations. It was also denied that he controls "Tidewater" which may possibly refer to the Tidewater Oil Company. It has also been denied that Getty ships oil to Germany, Spain, Russia and Japan. It has been further denied that he was given a tie by Hitler and that he announced the sale of a million barrels of oil to Russia. According to the data received, Getty allegedly said that he had been "thinking" of this deal. It was also denied that he was ever involved in the Mexican presidential election. Getty reportedly has never been acquainted with [redacted] and Lang, who is described as an efficiency expert. It is also stated that Getty was never in a submarine in his life.

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The denials above have apparently resulted from a story appearing in the newspaper "PW" concerning Getty. It is stated that the "PW" article was a rewrite of a story which appeared in a publication identified as merely "The News" concerning the Hotel Pierre.

According to the information received by the above mentioned source, Getty is not in a position to sue a newspaper inas-

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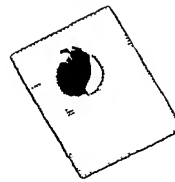
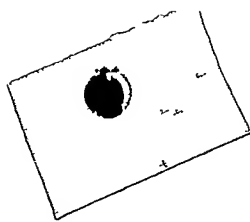
such as he is a wealthy man and it is believed that he would not have a chance to collect damages.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

CC - Assistant Director E. J. Connelley  
New Orleans

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GETTY, JEAN PAUL  
alias J Paul Getty  
647 South Kingsley Drive  
Los Angeles, California

GERMAN

BUSINESS ADDRESS 417 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California.

~~OCCUPATION. Oil producer.~~

GETTY is a United States citizen who was born at Minneapolis, Minnesota on December 15, 1892. (Washington Field Division, Confidential Informant S-2. 12/30/40. (A. File 65-17457.) BF 12

Subject frequently associated socially with [redacted] and on numerous occasions during his various periods of living in Germany met and associated a number of times with HITLER. Has common-law wife and two children presently residing in Germany. (Confidential National Defense Informant 10-1. 4/22/41. (A. File 65-2170-19.) BF 12

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TITLE <b>JEAN PAUL GETTY, Alias J. Paul Getty.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS <p>Getty Realty Corporation owns and operates Hotel Pierre which was erected in 1929 by Hotel Pierre Inc which leased land site from Gerry Estates Inc. Complete information relative to organization and purchase of Hotel Pierre set out. No information on present activities of GETTY obtained at Chemical Bank &amp; Trust Co. No indication that employees and those who frequent hotel have Italian Consular connections.</p>			
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REFERENCES: <p>Report of Special Agent V. I. PERRY dated November 12, 1940 at Los Angeles, California.</p> <p>Report of Special Agent <div></div> dated April 30, 1941 at Los Angeles.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>On July 24, 1940 <div></div> telephoned the New York Field Division and advised that he was the <div></div> of the William Allen White Committee, 8 West 40 Street, New York City. He stated that one GETTY, owner of the Hotel PIERRE was a very wealthy American with pro-Nazi sympathies. He stated that GETTY, who lived at Sutton Place, New York City,</p>			
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had been in Germany and was apparently popular with the more important Nazi officials. He stated that GETTY, who is said to be of Scotch descent, was present at the "Cellar Trials" after the Reichstag Fire. [ ] stated that GETTY is also a large minority stockholder in the Tidewater Oil Company which sold 1,000,000 barrels of oil to the Soviet Government some time ago.

On December 20, 1940 a copyrighted article appeared in the New York Daily News entitled "Agents of Five Nations at Grips in Hotel Here". This article set forth the statement that twenty American businessmen had pooled \$100,000,000 for investment in Mexico if [ ] would give a free hand. It further alleged that J. PAUL GETTY, present owner of the Hotel Pierre and personal friend of ADOLF HITLER had supplied oil to Russia and was, at the time article was written, on a yacht cruise with WILLIAM GIBBS/McADOO. There were further allegations to the effect that the F. B. I. was sure that a "definite understanding was reached on the Getty-[ ] axis which bears on the charge of [ ] opponent that the heart belongs to the Nazis". This information was furnished to the Bureau by letter with a copy to the Los Angeles Field Division under date of December 21, 1940.

On December 30, 1940 [ ] of the Hotel Pierre, came to the New York office and was interviewed by Special Agent [ ] advised that as a result of the newspaper publicity, business at the Hotel Pierre had materially decreased and many of the residents had indicated their intention of changing their place of residence by reason of the charges set forth in this newspaper article. While he expressed his opinion that neither Mr. GETTY, the owner of the Hotel, nor himself as [ ] were desirous of bringing any civil action against the Daily News for the charges contained in above-referred to article, he was desirous if possible, of securing some sort of letter or written statement from the Bureau indicating that the information and charges appearing in the article were not, as mentioned therein, furnished to the newspaper by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

[ ] was advised that in view of the confidential nature of the information appearing in the files of the Bureau, no statement or comment could be made as to whether the Bureau was conducting any investigation concerning any individuals mentioned in the Newspaper article.

At the time of the interview, [ ] mentioned that in addition to being [ ] of the Getty Realty Company, which operates the Hotel Pierre in New York City, he was likewise the [ ] of the George. F. Getty Inc., California, [ ] of the Mission Corporation,

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[redacted] of the Pacific Western Oil Company;  
[redacted] of the Kelly Oil Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and [redacted]  
of the Santa Fe Investment Company.

[redacted] informed that the Getty Realty Company purchased an interest in the Hotel Pierre in September 1938 but did not acquire the ownership and complete operation thereof until May 4, 1939.

[redacted] advised that subject GETTY traced his ancestry back to the American Revolution, that GETTY was a loyal American and that the charges made against him in this newspaper article were absolutely absurd. He advised that, as a matter of fact, Mr. GETTY has never had any direct contact or acquaintance with [redacted] but he admitted that he was an acquaintance of [redacted] and [redacted] both of whom were, for a period of time, [redacted] at the Hotel Pierre. He also admitted that, at the time of the interview, Mr. GETTY was at Mexico City for the inauguration of the new president. This information was furnished to the Bureau by letter with a copy to the Los Angeles Field Division on December 30, 1940.

On December 23, 1940, [redacted] Attorney, 19 Rector Street, New York City, came to the New York Field office with the clipping from the New York Daily News of December 20, 1940 in which [redacted] a News Syndicate [redacted] reported the activities of several individuals living at the Pierre Hotel, New York City, this article being the article above-referred to. [redacted] said the article was highly damaging to the reputation and prestige of the Hotel Pierre and its owner JEAN PAUL GETTY. [redacted] stated that he came to the office at the request of [redacted] 50 Broadway, New York City, Attorney for the Hotel Pierre and also for GETTY, to try to find out if any investigation is being conducted on GETTY by the F. B. I. as the newspaper article intimated.

[redacted] was advised that this Bureau did not authorize the publication of the story on [redacted] and that it was the policy of the office not to divulge any information concerning investigative activities in which the Bureau was engaged or interested. [redacted] stated that if any information was desired concerning GETTY or the Hotel Pierre, that [redacted] would be glad to give it to a representative of this office and that GETTY himself would be glad to cooperate with this office when he returned from California.

[redacted] advised that one [redacted] former [redacted] of the Hotel Pierre resigned in the Fall of 1940 and was unemployed as far as he knew.

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[ ] furnished a copy of a letter written by the firm of Leve, Hecht and Hadfield, Attorneys, 50 Broadway, New York City, to the News Syndicate Company Inc., 220 East 42 Street, New York City, dated December 20, 1940, pertinent portions of which letter read as follows:

"We are writing on behalf of our client, Mr. J. PAUL GETTY with respect to the malicious, defamatory, libelous and wholly false statements concerning him contained in an article printed in the Daily News on Friday, December 20, 1940.

"It is regrettable that you saw fit to make the statement concerning Mr. GETTY contained in the article, in spite of the fact that prior to publication you were notified specifically of the untruth of such statements and were told that Mr. GETTY would hold you accountable for your actions.

"Among the many statements and innuendos in the article which are absolutely untrue and without foundation and most of which in our opinion are defamatory and libelous, are the following:

1. That Mr. Getty is engaged directly or indirectly in espionage activities, or is party to a conspiracy for such purpose.
2. That Mr. Getty is a friend of Adolf Hitler. Mr. Getty does not know and has never met Hitler.
3. That Mr. Getty is involved in dealings or in a conspiracy to sell oil to the Axis or to Germany. Neither Mr. Getty nor any company owned or controlled by him has directly or indirectly sold, negotiated for the sale of, or contemplated the sale of any oil or any other products to the Axis or any members thereof, nor have they participated in any transactions of any character in any way to do so.
4. That Mr. Getty was a supplier of oil to Russia. Neither Mr. Getty nor any company owned or controlled by him, is selling, or has at any time sold, nor is it now contemplated by them to sell, any oil to Russia.
5. That Mr. Getty is involved in some way with [ ] in either business or political activities. Mr. Getty does not know and has never met [ ], and has never either directly or indirectly had any business or any political dealings with him or concerning him.

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6. That Mr. Getty wore a necktie presented by Adolf Hitler. Mr. Getty was never presented with a tie by Adolf Hitler, has never owned or worn such a tie, and has never had his portrait painted in such tie. The tie worn by Mr. Getty in the portrait painted by [redacted] [redacted], was a tie purchased by Mr. Getty at Burberry's in London.
7. That Mr. Getty returned from Europe on the Conte di Savoia with [redacted] and there is some improper relationship existing between them. [redacted] was not on the Conte di Savoia with Mr. Getty. [redacted] was introduced to Mr. Getty thereafter by a mutual friend in New York in the latter part of last year and is merely a casual friend of Mr. Getty.
8. That Mr. Getty was closely associated with [redacted] Mr. Getty met [redacted] socially over twenty years ago and has not seen him since that time, except for a casual meeting about a year and a half ago. Neither Mr. Getty nor any companies with which he is associated have ever had any business or political dealings, directly or indirectly, with [redacted]
9. That Mr. Getty has had dealings of some character with [redacted] Mr. Getty does not know and has never met [redacted] and has never had any dealings directly or indirectly with Capt. [redacted] of either a business or political character.
10. That Mr. Getty is involved in a conspiracy or understanding with [redacted] He has never had any dealings, business or political, with any of the persons mentioned, and has never met either [redacted]
11. That Mr. Getty has had business or political dealings, or has entered into a conspiracy to aid the Nazis. Mr. Getty has never had any business or political dealings of any kind or character, directly or indirectly, with or for the benefit of the Nazis, or with anybody on their behalf.
12. That Mr. Getty is pro-Nazi. Mr. Getty has been a constant supporter of campaigns and funds designed to aid the British. He is in no sense of the word, and never has been, pro-Nazi.
13. That Mr. Getty was party to a conspiracy to overthrow the [redacted] Government. This is a fantastic untruth.

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14. That Mr. Getty was on a yachting party with Mr. McAdoo and [ ] Mr. Getty has never been on any yacht belonging to Mr. McAdoo and does not even know whether Mr. McAdoo owns a yacht. On his visit to Mexico with Mr. McAdoo, [ ] was not with them at any time.
15. That there is some sinister connection between Mr. Getty and the fact that [ ] is [ ] of the Hotel Pierre, and that Mr. Lange is employed by the Hotel. [ ] has been with the Hotel for many years prior to the time it was purchased by its present owner. Mr. Getty had nothing to do with the original hiring of [ ] the retention of [ ] or the fact that he is [ ] [ ] The president of the Board of Directors of the corporation operating the Hotel is solely responsible for [ ] being retained by the hotel and his being [ ] and Mr. Getty is not a member of the Board of Directors.

As to [ ] he is and has been for many years an American citizen, and was an [ ] of the Hotel employed by the former owners. He has continued to be retained and made [ ] because of his good work. No knowledge or information known by the management of the Hotel would indicate in any way that [ ] is anything other than a good American citizen.

Mr. Lange has been employed by the management of the hotel to do a special job. He, too, is an American citizen, and there is no knowledge or information which the Hotel has which would indicate that he is anything other than a good American citizen.

16. As for the guests of the Hotel, Mr. Getty has nothing to do, directly or indirectly, with who such guests are. The hotel is a public institution and is ready and compelled by law to rent available space to all persons of reputable character, without being concerned with their political or business affiliations, and cannot possibly be held responsible for the same. "

The above-quoted letter demanded, on behalf of Mr. GETTY that the News Syndicate Company Inc. publish a full and adequate retraction, giving such retraction as much publicity and space as the original article.

[ ] Credit Bureau of Greater New York, 373 Seventh Avenue, New York City, produced a file on JEAN PAUL GETTY. Report in this file dated October 23, 1940 indicated GETTY'S residence as Santa Monica, California and also listed the following former residences.

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226 No. Windsor Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California

It was indicated that subject was married to the former [redacted] known professionally as [redacted]. He married [redacted] the latter part of 1939 and it was indicated that he had previously been divorced from [redacted] and [redacted]. Report stated that subject's permanent residence is in California and that he maintains no legal address in New York City.

It was reported that Mr. GETTY was, for a number of years, active as an independent oil producer with wells in California and maintained an office at 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey and also having an office at 1060 Subway Terminal, Los Angeles, California. He is reported to be a very wealthy man taking care of his interests in the Getty Company which is also reported as owning and operating the Hotel Pierre, a high-class establishment in New York City. A newspaper clipping in the file from the New York Daily News dated November 17, 1939 indicated that J. PAUL GETTY married [redacted] September 14, 1939 in the American Consulate in Rome. It was indicated that this was J. PAUL GETTY'S second marriage, he having been divorced several years before from [redacted] the mother of his two children. The newspaper clipping further reflected that [redacted] is the [redacted]

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[redacted] it was indicated that she is the [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

[Confidential Informant #1] produced files relative to J. PAUL GETTY. Report dated June 18, 1940 in this file indicated that GETTY is not engaged in business in New York City individually but is the principal at interest financially in George F. Getty, Inc., 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey. It was indicated that J. PAUL GETTY is the son of the late George F. Getty who was for many years engaged in the oil producing industry, maintaining offices in Los Angeles, California, where he was a principal at interest in several California corporations. According to the report, J. PAUL GETTY has been active in the affairs of various concerns during his entire career and while he does not appear as officer or director, owns the entire capital stock of George F. Getty, Inc. either individually or as trustee of a fund established some years ago by his mother, Mrs. SARAH C. GETTY. (u)

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It was indicated that J PAUL GETTY has an account at the Commercial Trust Company, Main Office, New York City.

The file of the Getty Realty Corporation, which operates the Hotel Pierre, 2 - 6 East 61 Street, New York City, disclosed a report dated December 6, 1940 which indicated that [redacted] is [redacted] of the corporation, [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] There was indicated the the [redacted] was composed of the above-mentioned officers. This corporation was incorporated under New York laws September 30, 1938 with an authorized capital of 50,000 shares, having a par value of \$100.00 each. The company is wholly owned subsidiary of George F Getty, Inc., a Delaware corporation formed December 30, 1936 and makes its headquarters at 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey

George F. Getty Inc., functions as a holding corporation for the Hotel Pierre and various petroleum production companies. The report indicated that [redacted] were formerly [redacted] of the Getty Realty Corporation but they withdrew recently. It was indicated that the Getty Realty Corporation owns and operates the Hotel Pierre.

A further review of the report dated December 6, 1940 disclosed the following information-

The Hotel Pierre was erected during 1929 by the Hotel Pierre Inc. which leased the land site from its owners, Gerry Estates Inc. for a period extending to 1950. On April 1, 1929 the Hotel Pierre Inc. gave a building loan mortgage on a leasehold to Straus National Bank and Trust Company to secure six percent gold bonds amounting to \$6,500,000. The Hotel opened October 1930 but the Hotel Pierre Inc. was unable to meet real estate charges and during 1931 foreclosure proceedings were instituted by the above-mentioned bank as trustees for the bondholders in the sum of \$6,500,000. The Hotel building was sold at auction for a comparatively nominal sum to the bondholders' committee, which committee in turn disposed of the same to the 2 East 61 Street Corporation.

The 2 East 61 Street Corporation was formed under New York laws January 12, 1933. That company acquired the leasehold and took over the operations of the Hotel Pierre making little headway. On December 1, 1938 a creditors' petition was filed against the 2 East 61 Street Corporation under Chapter 10 of the Amended Bankruptcy Act of June 26, 1938 and proceedings were held for the reorganization of the company. The petition explained that the Gerry Estates, which had owned the Hotel site sold out to the Getty Realty Corporation which

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then threatened to terminate the tenancy unless back rent totaling \$270,000 was paid within a thirty day period from November 2nd. The report shows that the creditors' petition for reorganization was dismissed on April 12, 1939. Report of April 29, 1939 showed that the 2 East 61 Street Corporation filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy and schedules filed through Root, Clerk, Buckner and Valentine, attorneys for the bankrupt corporation, listed liabilities at \$5,057,767 and assets of \$3,378,245. The schedules also stated that The 2 East 61 Street Corporation had surrendered the premises to the Getty Realty Corporation. The Hotel Pierre Inc. filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy March 7, 1932. On December 18, 1939 the Getty Realty Corporation acquired title to the building at this address at the foreclosure sale which was held to satisfy judgment of approximately \$635,000. The Getty Realty Corporation now owns the land and the building and operates the hotel building at this address.

[redacted] is also [redacted] of the parent company and a number of its subsidiaries. Following employment by Sutro Company, stock brokers, of Los Angeles, California, he became associated with the Getty interests in 1935.

[redacted] is reported to be an attorney and [redacted] of George F. Getty Inc., and an officer in two other subsidiaries of that corporation.

[redacted], formerly an officer in The 2 East 61 Street Corporation is the [redacted]

Getty Realty Corporation operates the exclusive Hotel Pierre which contains forty-one stories and 738 rooms. Most of the rooms are leased on a monthly or yearly basis. A staff of over 325 persons is employed. Records show that the land and building are assessed in the name of Getty Realty Corporation for \$6,900,000 in 1940.

The Getty Realty Corporation has an account at the Central Hanover Bank, 60th Street and Fifth Avenue.

[redacted] Confidential Informant #1 also produced a file relative to George F. Getty Inc. Molding Company, an oil producer, 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey. A report dated November 22, 1940 indicated the officers of this corporation as follows: (X)(u)

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The [redacted] were indicated as being [redacted]



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A review of the aforementioned report in the file relative to George F. Getty Inc. disclosed the following information

The company was incorporated December 30, 1930 under Delaware laws with an authorized capital stock of 85,000 shares of \$100 par value. The net worth of the company at the present time is approximately \$22,000,000. This corporation represents a merger of the George F. Getty Oil Company, a Delaware corporation, George F. Getty Inc., a California corporation, and the George Getty Petroleum Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and was organized to consolidate the forces of those companies. J. PAUL GETTY is stated to own the entire capital stock of this corporation, either individually or as a trustee of a fund established some years ago by his mother, Mrs. SARAH C. GETTY. The Getty family has been active in the oil producing industry for many years and was, for a period, under the direction and control of the late GEORGE F. GETTY. Because of physical disabilities prior to his death in 1930, his affairs had been under the management of a committee of trusted employees for some years. In January 1924 GEORGE F. GETTY INC. was formed under California laws but took over the major portion of his personal holdings and after his death in 1930 his interests were acquired by his widow SARAH C. GETTY and his son JEAN PAUL GETTY. JEAN PAUL GETTY was the administrator of the estate of GEORGE F. GETTY which controlled various companies subsequently formed to acquire and operate the various branches of the Getty Holding Company.

[redacted] a [redacted] is [redacted] of oil lands and leases. He has been associated with the Getty interests since 1914 and is [redacted] of both the Mission Corporation and the Pacific Western Oil Corporation.

[redacted] is the [redacted] of Production and is the [redacted] of the Pacific Western Oil Corporation.

[redacted] is a member of the New York Bar.

[redacted] the [redacted] of the company's affairs at Los Angeles, California, at 1060 Subway Terminal, Los Angeles, Cal.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (A) [redacted]

[redacted] made available the files in his office relative to the subject in this case.

The credit file of the Tidewater Associated Oil Company with the Chemical Bank and Trust Company contains a section devoted to JEAN PAUL GETTY and the information contained therein is as follows.

Memorandum dated 3/3/35 re PAUL GETTY, Getty Oil Company, Los Angeles, California, reads -

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"He is about thirty six years of age, married and has been known in Los Angeles for more than ten years. He travels extensively and is in Los Angeles only at intervals and remains but a short time when he comes here. We learned that he has spent considerable time in Europe during the past few years, particularly in Germany. He is now in the U S. and is believed to be in New York City. His wife makes her home in Los Angeles practically all of the time, apparently not caring to travel. Subject's mother also lives in Los Angeles. Mr. GETTY is one of the major owners of George F. Getty Inc., one of the larger independent oil producing companies in this part of the country. However, he does not devote much of his time to business. He has the business in the hands of competent men who have been connected with the company for some time and he apparently trusts their judgment and allows them considerable control over the business. Getty comes to Los Angeles occasionally, attends to some executive duties in connection with the business and then returns east or abroad. He and his mother, Mrs. GEORGE F. GETTY inherited from GEORGE F. GETTY the above company or a major interest therein. This interest in the business is estimated to be well in excess of \$1,000,000 and he has a substantial income from the business. He has suffered no financial difficulties and during the time known here has met all personal obligations in a satisfactory manner."

[redacted] advised that he could furnish no further information as to the present activities of GETTY.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (A) [redacted]

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During the course of monitoring transactions in the Foreign Department of the Chase National Bank, New York City, it was noted by the Foreign Funds Squad of the New York Field Division, that a payment of \$60.16 was made to JEAN PAUL GETTY, Minneapolis, Minnesota, January 17, 1940 upon the instructions of the Reichsbank Direktorium, Berlin, Germany, whose account was charged for this amount. It is believed that this payment originated from Konversionskasse Fur Deutsche Auslandsschneden, Berlin, Germany (Conversion Office for German Foreign Debts) and that it represents an interest payment on German securities owned by this individual. It is believed that this JEAN PAUL GETTY is the same as subject in this case since a review of the file reflects subject was born at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and may possibly therefore have some activity there. (X)(u)

A check of the indices of the New York Field Division disclosed

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in File 9-0 Serials 4, 10, 11, 12 on one PAUL GETTY of Sutton Place South, New York City, on December 1, 1937 through his attorney [redacted] 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey advised the New York Office of a letter received by GETTY and signed by [redacted]. This letter was submitted to the New York Field Office by [redacted] for investigation under the Extortion statutes but the text of the letter reflected that it was written with the intention of getting a loan from GETTY and [redacted] was advised that this would not fall under the investigative jurisdiction of the Bureau.

[redacted] upon being interviewed at his office in the Hotel Pierre, New York City, advised that he had no knowledge that his employees or those that frequent the hotel have Italian Consular connections. It is to be noted that at the time this inquiry was made the Italian Consulate at New York City was closed. [redacted] advised that at the time of the inquiry he had no knowledge of any Italians residing at the hotel at that time. He stated that it is definitely not a gathering place for leading Italians in New York City. He stated that several months ago he had a [redacted] employed at the hotel by the name of [redacted] who was believed to be of noble [redacted] birth. He stated that he had no knowledge of any Nazi activities on the part of [redacted] but that [redacted] had been discharged from the hotel and was no longer connected with him.

A check of the New York Office files disclosed that one [redacted] formerly resided at [redacted] and that he was at that time [redacted] at the Hotel Pierre, New York City. It was indicated that during the past ten years he had been [redacted] at the Lawrence Beach Club, New York, as well as [redacted] at Cyril's of London, New York City, and at the Rainbow Room, Rockefeller Center, New York City under [redacted]. It was indicated that [redacted] is believed to be of noble [redacted] birth, having been born in [redacted] and that [redacted] is alleged to be a former [redacted] society girl, although in February 1941 she was employed by R. H. Macy, New York City, at \$40.00 a week.

It is noted that the Hotel Pierre, which is located on 61st Street near Fifth Avenue, New York City, is known to be an exclusive first-class hotel which caters primarily to a rather prominent and wealthy class of persons of foreign origin. Its clientele is definitely international in character. For this reason, [redacted] advised that it is not unusual for leading continental personages to stop at the Hotel Pierre.

Investigation has failed to disclose information to substantiate allegations that the employees and those who frequent the hotel have Italian Consular connections.

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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

File reviewed and brought up to date. Records of case in which subject has been defendant checked at Los Angeles County Clerk's Office. Subject defendant in divorce cases and also cases where the plaintiff had a business grudge against him. Subject's former secretary unable to indicate any definite subversive activity on part of subject.

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## REFERENCE

Report of Special Agent V I PARRY, Los Angeles, dated December 18, 1940.  
Report of Special Agent [redacted] Los Angeles, dated April 30, 1941.

## DETAILS

### AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

A review of instant file indicates that the subject a United States citizen born at Minneapolis, Minnesota on December 15, 1892. It also reflects that the subject is a wealthy individual being at the head of several large oil companies in the west and has made frequent trips to Germany where he has associated socially with [redacted] and on numerous occasions during his various periods of living in Germany met and associated a number of times with HITLER. It also reflects that he has a common-law wife and two children presently residing in Germany. No definite information has been forthcoming from any source indicating that the subject has actually been involved in any subversive activity although a memorandum from C N D.I. 10-2 dated May 21, 1941 sets forth that

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the [ ] subject has been associated with a [ ] and the late Senator MC ADOO in an oil deal involving delivery of Mexican oil to Germany via Vladivostok. It also sets forth that the subject is out-spoken in support of Germany and Nazi ideology and that he also boasts of his close association with [ ] and HITLER. A custodial detention on the subject was submitted to the Bureau October 15, 1941.

At the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office, Hall of Records Building, [ ], Deputy County Clerk, searched their records on cases in which the subject has been a defendant from 1922 to and including the present. The list as propounded by [ ] is being set forth and it should be noted that the purpose it might serve is obtaining names of individuals who might have some knowledge concerning the business dealing which the subject might have with any foreign source. It should be noted that these records can be located in the City Hall basement.

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Two cases were reviewed by the writer and it was found that case #393244, [ ] vs. GETTY, et al was a suit against GETTY and [ ] for services rendered [ ] in obtaining her divorce. It was determined from this file that the home at 270 Ocean Front, Santa Monica, was deeded to [ ] as a result of this divorce and it was later determined that this [ ] This case also reflected that the subject was in Europe on September 17, 1935. It was also set forth in this case that the subject owned the following companies GETTY, INC, GEORGE F GETTY, INC, THE LINNEHOMA Oil Company, The GEORGE F GETTY Oil Company and the Santa Fe Investment Company.

File #396502, [ ] vs. THE PACIFIC WESTERN OIL CORP, is a suit for illegal diversion of funds of the defendant oil corporation by the subject, reflected that [ ] [ ] was the plaintiff and that [ ] was the plaintiff's attorney. The file reflected that this suit was maintained as a result of a grudge the plaintiff had against the defendant.

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At the home of [ ] approximately [ ] years of age, advised that [ ] is employed at the [ ] and he further advised that [ ] owns this company. He also advised that [ ] is here quite often. He stated that [ ] are divorced and further stated that [ ] comes to the house there to see him and [ ] once a month and on some occasions he visits [ ] at his place of business downtown. He was unable to furnish any further pertinent information but did state that [ ] apparently seem to be quite friendly with each other.

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[ ] advised that she is the former [ ] and was employed as [ ] to the subject of instant case [ ] She further advised that she was a stockholder in the Pacific Western Oil Company, which is a company controlled by the GEORGE G. GETTY Company and that she [ ] She further advised that [ ] She stated that she could offer no information as to whether or not the subject was involved in any subversive activity, stating it was beyond her to believe that the subject was even under suspicion.

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She indicated that the subject had been involved in many divorce proceedings but at present is married [redacted] and socially prominent person from [redacted] who at present is in Italy [redacted]. She further indicated that the subject is difficult to work for as he loses his temper quickly and frequently. She has heard that the subject has been in Mexico for the past year but she does not know whether it is business or pleasure. She further indicated that the subject travels to Germany once or twice a year but she has no idea who he contacts there nor the name of any of his friends in Germany. [redacted]

[redacted] She advised that [redacted] is [redacted] of the GEORGE P. GETTY Company but is not to be trusted for any information as he promises one thing and never has the intention of keeping that promise.

She indicated that a [redacted] is about the only individual at the Getty, Inc., who could be trusted and advised that this man is [redacted]. She further advised that a MR. LANG was, the last time she remembered, employed in the oil fields of one of the corporations GETTY companies but she does not know whether he is still in the capacity or not. She further advised that she does not believe that any of the subject's former wives could be trusted to give any pertinent information which might be of interest to the F B I. since they apparently are still in love with the subject, even though they are divorced. [redacted] stated that she does not remember anything of value as far as this investigation is concerned because she has not been with the company for [redacted] years and there was never any indication at that time as to any subversive activity on the part of any of the employees, including MR. GETTY himself. She has agreed to cooperate and [redacted]

[redacted] further stated that the subject is located at present in Los Angeles and has recently opened a private office in the Don Lee Cadillac Agency Building at Wilshire and Kingsley, but she does not know what type of business is carried on in this office.

The criminal records at the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office were checked with negative results.

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THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California, will contact [redacted],  
[redacted] for complete information which he might  
have concerning the activity of the subject.

Will contact attorney [redacted]  
[redacted] for any information which he might have concerning the  
subject.

Will contact attorney [redacted], 453 South Spring  
Street, for any information which he might have concerning the re-  
lation of the subject with [redacted]

Will conduct a discreet investigation in the hope of  
obtaining information concerning the office which the subject has  
recently opened in the Don Lee Cadillac Agency

Will conduct a discreet investigation concerning the back-  
ground of [redacted] and if it proves reliable contact [redacted]  
[redacted] and obtain complete information concerning the subject.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California  
December 16, 1941

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D C.

RE JEAN PAUL GETTY  
ESPIONAGE - G

Dear Sir

Reference is made to letter from the New York Field Office dated December 30, 1940, in the above-entitled matter

On November 6, 1941, Special Agent H. FRANK ANGELL of this office had occasion to interview [redacted] of the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica, California. At that time it was learned from [redacted] that he had been employed by the Hotel Pierre, New York City, in 1935 and 1936. [redacted] volunteered the information that with reference to that hotel undoubtedly [redacted] who was [redacted] [redacted] was a good American and could be contacted by the Bureau. However he stated that [redacted] mentioned in the reference letter as the [redacted] was someone whose Americanism he greatly doubted. Informant also stated that [redacted] of the Pierre Hotel, and his brother who is employed at the Cher Netherlands Hotel in New York City, had knocked the Jews and made remarks which caused him to doubt their Americanism. [redacted] also observed that the Pierre seemed to be continuously full of refugees.

The above information is being furnished in connection with the activities of GETTY, who, it is understood, owns the Hotel Pierre, and to give credence to the good intentions of [redacted] of the Hotel Pierre, as evidenced by his contact with the New York office on December 30, 1940.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood

R B HOOD

Special Agent in Charge

CC - New York

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10 DEC 19 1941
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

GETTY, JEAN PAUL

NATIVE BORN

GERMAN

alias: J. Paul Getty

647 South Kingsley Drive (Residence)

417 South Hill Street (Business)

Los Angeles, California 7-10-41

Occupation: Oil Producer

Getty is a United States citizen who was born at Minneapolis, Minnesota on December 15, 1892. (Washington Field Division, Confidential Informant S-2. 12/30/40 100-1202-20)

Subject frequently associated socially with [redacted] and on numerous occasions during his various periods of living in Germany met and associated a number of times with Hitler. Has common-law wife and two children presently residing in Germany. (Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted] 4/22/41. 100-1202-20) *efg*

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December 15, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

Re: **JUAN PAUL GNEY**  
United States Citizen

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF CLASS  
DATE 5-19-80

Information has been received from the Los Angeles Office of this Bureau that captioned subject is an oil man and the owner of the Hotel Pierre, New York City, which is reputed to be the stopping place for many Germans while in New York City.

Subject is said to be outspoken in support of Germany and Nazi ideology, and highly approves of the effectiveness of the Nazi system. He has been in Germany several times each year, and he is closely associated with Hitler. In addition it was reported that he has a common-law wife and children in Germany.

The Los Angeles Office reported that subject attempted to export 50,000 barrels of oil to Germany before the Neutrality Act became effective. Subject has in his employment former members of the German Army, Navy and Intelligence units. He was closely associated with an alleged German espionage agent now in Mexico, and he spent last year in Mexico where he was closely associated with the Mexican Government officials.

It has been reported that subject will advance money for the Nazi cause if his name is not mentioned, and that his wealth is estimated to be between \$30,000 to \$50,000.

In view of the above information it is respectfully requested that you advise whether this subject should be taken into custody at this time.

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Director

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Not at this time

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Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

RE JEAN PAUL GETTY, WITH ALIAS  
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir

There is enclosed herewith a photostatic  
copy of a custodial detention card relating to

JEAN PAUL GETTY, WA  
647 South Kingsley Drive  
Los Angeles, California

for appropriate and expeditious attention in  
accordance with existing Bureau instructions

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AND FIELD OFFICES  
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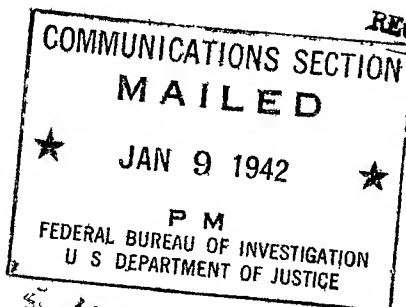
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J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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AND REFER TO  
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D C

January 13, 1942

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146-7-724

MEMORANDUM FOR MR J. EDGAR HOOVER,  
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re. Getty, Jean Paul  
Hotel Pierre (Bus )  
New York City

[redacted] of the Special Defense Unit,  
has forwarded a file containing an abstract of information con-  
cerning the above entitled subject who appears to be a citizen  
of the United States

[redacted] has been advised that, based on the informa-  
tion contained in the file, there is not sufficient evidence  
upon which to institute a criminal prosecution against the  
subject at this time

It is requested that a complete investigation be con-  
ducted with reference to the subject and that all information  
contained in the Bureau dossier be verified It is suggested  
that the subject be interviewed, if you deem it advisable under  
all the circumstances, and an effort be made to secure his consent  
to search his business and home premises

It is requested that the reports covering this investi-  
gation be made available to the Criminal Division

Respectfully,

*Wendell Berge*  
WENDELL BERGE,  
Assistant Attorney General

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January 30, 1942

Special Agent in Charge  
New York, New York

Re: JEAN PAUL GETTY  
INTERNAL SECURITY-G  
ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith photostatic copies of a memorandum dated January 13, 1942, which was received from Mr. Wendell Berge, Assistant Attorney General, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

You are instructed to conduct the requested investigation and this matter should be given preferred and expeditious attention by your office.

The files of your office should be thoroughly reviewed and all information with reference to the above captioned individual should be included in your report covering the investigation requested in the enclosed memorandum.

Very truly yours,

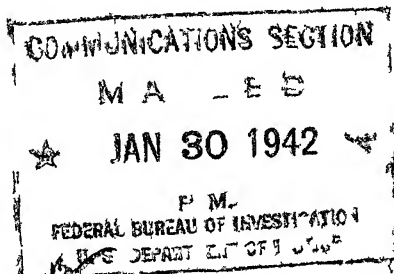
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
New York, New York

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March 5, 1942

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Re: JEAN PAUL GETTY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - G  
ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 30, 1942,  
Bureau File 100-1202 with which you enclose a memorandum which  
was received from Mr. WENDELL BERGE, Assistant Attorney General,  
United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

It is noted in your communication that you request  
that the files of this office be thoroughly reviewed and all  
information with reference to the above captioned individual  
be included in the report covering the investigation requested  
in this memorandum.

In this respect, a review of the New York City files  
reflects that considerable investigation has already been conducted  
in this matter and appropriate investigative reports submitted.

It will also be noted that the Los Angeles Division  
is office of origin in this matter by reason of the fact that subject  
GETTY maintains his principal headquarters in that town.

It is therefore requested that the Los Angeles Office  
furnish this Division with any additional information which they  
might have available, so same might be of assistance to this Division  
at the time subject GETTY is thoroughly interviewed in accordance  
with the request in this memorandum. RECORDED

Very truly yours,

P. E. FOXWORTH  
Assistant Director

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P. E. FOXWORTH  
Assistant Director

cc - Los Angeles  
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**MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
WENDELL BERGE**

**RE: JEAN PAUL GETTY  
Hotel Pierre  
New York City**

Reference is made to your memorandum dated January 13, 1942, your reference WB:JBH:MS - 146-7-724, wherein you requested additional investigation as to the above individual.

I am enclosing herewith copies of the following reports in the case entitled, "Jean Paul Getty, alias J. Paul Getty, Espionage (G)", which contain additional information:

Report of Special Agent V. I. Parry, dated November 12, 1940, at Los Angeles, California;

Report of Special Agent V. I. Parry, dated December 18, 1940, at Los Angeles, California;

Report of Special Agent Louis Loeb, dated January 4, 1941, at Washington, D. C.;

Report of Special Agent Kenneth C. West, dated January 27, 1941, at New Haven, Connecticut;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 3, 1941, at New Orleans, Louisiana;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 30, 1941, at Los Angeles, California;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 13, 1941, at New York City;

Report of Special Agent Edward A. Furbush, Jr., dated November 24, 1941, at Los Angeles, California.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Memorandum for Assistant Attorney General  
Wendell Berge

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It is requested that you advise this Bureau if you desire additional investigation to be conducted in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr Tolson\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr E A Tamm\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr Clegg\_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr Quinn Tamm\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr Nease\_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy\_\_\_\_\_

March 22, 1942

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~MEMORANDUM For FilesSubject: GETTY, Juan Paul (President of the SPARTAN AIR-  
CRAFT COMPANY) 40793

1. SUBJECT is a leading millionaire California Independent Oil Operator, who together with [redacted], an associate of the Houston-Hastings-Fagel group and former U.S. Senator W. G. McADOO, were involved in a deal in January 1941, for the delivery of one million barrels of Mexican fuel oil to Germany via Vladivostok.

2. SUBJECT owns a 1,000 ton yacht, which, it is believed he operates in the Gulf of Mexico in connection with contacting submarines and supplying them with fuel oil. Axis personalities are said to accompany him on these trips. TND and SND are investigating these reports. SUBJECT and his personal contacts are close to the high officials in the Mexican Government, and he divides his time between Mexico and New York City.

3. In 1939 GETTY purchased Hotel Pierre in NYC, and from which he dismissed all old employees and put in one from the Italian Consulate. The hotel is [redacted] by one [redacted] who has had no previous hotel experience; the [redacted] as one [redacted]. The hotel is recognized as a notorious hang-out of foreigners and German agents operating in the U.S. In July 1941, one [redacted] was investigated for [redacted] activities at this Hotel. [redacted] rented a suite at this hotel in July 1941. [redacted] falsely claimed to be a British Purchasing agent and a member of the British Intelligence. [redacted] is reported to be connected with GETTY.

4. SUBJECT is presently reported to be President of the Spartan Aircraft Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, handling classified Navy contracts. He is also reported to have control of the Pacific Western Oil Company, the Mission Corp., and the Shelly Oil Company. He is reported to be the financial backer of the Bellanca Aircraft Factory in Mexico City. SUBJECT was applicant for commission as [redacted] Officer in USNR, LIND, [redacted] was reported to be of suspected espionage activity.

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March 22, 1942

Subject: GENTY, Jean Paul

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5. SUBJECT boasts of close association with [redacted] and HITLER. 8th and 11th Naval Districts consider SUBJECT to be dangerous.

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6. Information has been received to the effect that SUBJECT is associated with one [redacted] the latter reported to be mistress of [redacted] Mexico. It is well established that [redacted] is a Nazi agent, having innumerable contacts with high officials in Mexico; she was arrested on March 9, 1942, but released by the Mexican Police 9 days later.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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146-7-724

April 8, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER,  
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Jean Paul Getty  
Hotel Pierre  
New York City;  
Espionage.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____
Files	_____

Reference is made to your memorandum dated April 3, 1942 with which you enclosed copies of various investigative reports. In response to your request for advice as to additional investigation desired, the following suggestions are made:

A review of the material submitted indicates that allegations of a rather sensational nature have been made against this subject. If these allegations, or some of them, are true the subject is a person extremely dangerous to the safety of this country. It is therefore believed desirable to extend this investigation until every possibility has been exhausted.

In the report of Special Agent Edward A. Furbush, Jr., dated at Los Angeles November 24, 1941, it is alleged that the subject in his frequent trips to Germany associated with [redacted] and on numerous occasions met and associated with Adolph Hitler. I would appreciate it if you would advise whether or not there are witnesses available to testify to these allegations. If there are no witnesses presently available, is it possible, by checking with the sources of your information, to determine whether appropriate witnesses can be developed?

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In the same report, there is a reference to a memorandum from "C.N.D.I. 10-2" dated May 21, 1941. It would be appreciated if you would advise me what these initials stand for and what is the source of the information contained in that memorandum. Please advise whether or not these allegations can be substantiated by available witnesses.

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N.Y.C.  
4/19/42

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It is noted that the subject is alleged to have a common-law wife and two children presently residing in Germany. It is noted elsewhere in this report that the subject's former wives are not likely sources of information because of their continuing affection for the subject. Consideration should be given to the possibility that knowledge of the existence of this common-law family in Germany might tend to alienate from the subject the sympathies of his former wives. It is noted that his present wife is believed to be in Italy. It should be determined whether or not she has returned to the United States and if she has the information about the common-law family might have a similar effect on her. It should also be borne in mind when interviewing the former wives, as well as the present wife, of the subject that possibly fear on their part of becoming involved in the subject's affairs might prove sufficient incentive for them to give reliable information.

On page 4 of the same report, it is indicated that [redacted] is about the only one at the Getty, Inc. who could be trusted. It is desired that [redacted] be thoroughly interviewed with reference to his knowledge of the subject's activities and connections.

In the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at New York City November 13, 1941, there is set out certain information received from [redacted] of the William Allen White Committee. I would appreciate it if you would advise whether or not [redacted] is in a position to testify to these allegations in court. If not, the source from which [redacted] obtained his information should be ascertained and an effort be made to locate witnesses competent to testify thereto.

On page 2 of this report, there is a reference to a copyrighted article appearing in the New York Daily News entitled "Agents of Five Nations at Grips in Hotel Here", dated December 20, 1940. It is desired that a thorough interview be had with Guy Richards, author of this article. Kindly obtain any and all proof which Richards may have to sustain the allegations in his article. The sources from which he obtained his information should be thoroughly checked to determine what foundation, if any, he had. Particular emphasis should be placed on determining the source of his statement to the effect that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was sure that a definite understanding was reached on the Getty [redacted]-Axis-etc.



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✓ On page 3 of this report it is stated that one [redacted] of the Hotel Pierre, resigned in the fall of 1940. It is desired that efforts be made to locate this individual and to determine his present activities and his citizenship status. If from this preliminary inquiry it appears that [redacted] is reliable, he should be interviewed for any and all data which he may have bearing on the subject.

On the same page it is set out that [redacted] Attorney, 19 Rector Street, New York City, gave information relative to a protest lodged by him with the New York Daily News relative to the newspaper story mentioned above. Please ascertain whether or not the New York Daily News published the retraction of the article demanded by [redacted]. Kindly ascertain all the details of this affair, including the ultimate disposition of the complaint.

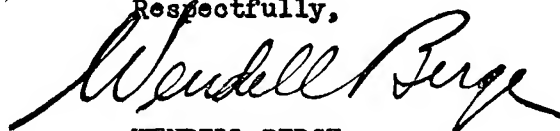
✓ It is desired that you locate and interview [redacted] former [redacted] of George F. Getty, Inc., relative to their knowledge of the activities, interests and connections of the subject. It is noted on page 8 of this report that "they withdrew recently". The reasons for the severance of their connections with George F. Getty, Inc. should be set out.

On page 12 of this report [redacted] of the Hotel Pierre, is quoted as stating that [redacted] former [redacted] at the Hotel, was discharged from that position by [redacted]. It is suggested that it be determined why [redacted] was discharged and thereafter a complete interview be had with [redacted] relative to his own background and to his knowledge of the subject's activities.

Upon the completion of the investigation suggested in the foregoing paragraphs, consideration should be given to the desirability of interviewing the subject himself. This would seem particularly advisable if the investigation results negatively. The subject should be acquainted with the more sensational allegations which have been made against him and he should be permitted to offer any defense or refutation he desires. He should be questioned in detail about all his international transactions, both business and social. He should be required to explain the circumstances surrounding his receipt of \$60.16 from Germany on January 17, 1940.

In view of the importance of this case, it is believed desirable to obtain signed statements from all persons interviewed. It is requested that expeditious handling be afforded this case.

Respectfully,



WENDELL BERGE,  
Assistant Attorney General.

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Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. **65-2170.**

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES, CALIF.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/4/42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/1, 3, 4, 10, 11, 15, 17, 22/41; 1/9/42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. A. FURBUSH, JR.</b>
TITLE <b>(JEAN PAUL GETTY, with aliases</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - G</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>AGENCY <u>1cc - OSD</u> REC'D <u>5-27-59</u> REP'T FORW. <u>6-14-59</u> BY <u>Alf. [illegible]</u></p> <p>AGENCY <u>OSI DIST OFF 4</u> REG. REC'D <u>3-16-53</u> REP'T FORW. <u>4-6-53</u> BY <u>July [illegible]</u></p> </div> <div style="width: 70%;"> <p>File reviewed and brought up to date. [redacted] associated with Subject and in various conversations believes Subject to be impressed with German system but not involved in subversive activities. [redacted] states Subject has small office near his home, but office used for oil business and not Subject's private business. [redacted] believes Subject's former wives trustworthy and know Subject's activity for the last ten years. Both Subject's former wives believe Subject well-known in Germany but not involved in subversive activities. Subject's brother-in-law not friendly with Subject but does not believe him involved in subversive activities. Captain LANGE has no information regarding Subject's activities of a subversive nature.</p> </div> </div>			
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<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. F. FURBUSH, JR., Los Angeles, 11/24/41.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:</u></p> <p>A review of the file indicates that Special Agent H. FRANK ANGELL obtained information pertaining to the Subject of instant case after reading an article in the October 31, 1941, issue of the "Hollywood Reporter", setting forth that JEAN PAUL GETTY was seen in company with [redacted] in the absence of [redacted] who was a [redacted] for the "Hollywood Reporter" who was unavailable. Inquiry was made of [redacted]</p>			
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of the "Hollywood Reporter", with negative results as to the identity of [redacted]. However, [redacted] at Ciro's Restaurant, advised that [redacted] was a [redacted] of considerable prominence in this area, and that he has seen GETTY in company with [redacted] at the opening of the opera in Los Angeles on November 3, 1941. With reference to [redacted] at the Beverly Hills Hotel, advised that [redacted] is the [redacted] and was described as a "girl about town" in her middle [redacted]. With reference to [redacted] advised that she is a [redacted] who has performed on the concert stage and has been in this area for some time. She described [redacted] as being in her early [redacted].

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[redacted] at the Miramar Hotel, Santa Monica, California, advised that [redacted] lived in this hotel with her mother, and that she checked in on December 23, 1940, and was at the present time paying \$85 per month for her room. [redacted] stated further that [redacted] registered in the Miramar from the Gotham Hotel in New York City, but he understands that she also stayed at the Coronado Hotel. [redacted] further advised that [redacted] is the [redacted] and that she had once been married to [redacted] and had then married a man named [redacted]. No further information pertinent to the Subject of this case was obtained.

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\* On November 7, 1941, [redacted] advised that GETTY is (X) legally married to a woman who is living in Germany, and that they have children in Germany. [redacted] stated that he had learned this information from [redacted] who is a [redacted] and who is [redacted] with GETTY, having been employed by GETTY [redacted] for him, further, that [redacted] formerly a [redacted] and GETTY'S [redacted] informed that about a year ago GETTY was trying to get boats to ship oil to Germany, and that he could get one boat. [redacted] believed that [redacted] could be openly interviewed with reference to the Subject, and that any contact with him would be kept confidential. Informant [redacted] stated, further, that Subject still visits [redacted] one of his former wives.

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It was learned through [redacted] that [redacted] is the [redacted] who died about two years ago. \* [redacted] advised that she could be contacted (X) for any information she had or could possibly obtain concerning the Subject.

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[redacted] stated that she met GETTY through [redacted], who is a [redacted] GETTY'S present wife, and who at present is living in [redacted]. [redacted] continued that [redacted] hates GETTY and described him as a ruthless individual. It was [redacted] conclusion that the Subject sees her because of her contacts, and she is well-known in all social circles in Hollywood and Beverly Hills. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] once told her that she had seen a check of GETTY written for one million dollars in payment for some rugs he had purchased in Europe, and on buying these, he had sought a meeting with [redacted], who was ostracized by HITLER and who

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was living in [ ] advised [ ] she believed GETTY was worth one hundred million dollars. [ ] mentioned that she has taken GETTY to the home of [ ] who is a well-known social woman who has traveled throughout the world. [ ] stated that [ ] is entirely American, and contact could be made with [ ] at Universal Studios. [ ] continued that as she and the Subject started to [ ] home, GETTY asked [ ] if [ ] was a Nazi, and [ ] without realizing just what GETTY might be, stated that she was not, that if she was, she [ ] would not be seen in her home, and from then on GETTY pretended not to speak German, but once without thanking he broke into German, and she ascertained that he speaks it very proficiently.

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According to [ ] GETTY is very intelligent and secretive, and she doubted that any information could be obtained from him except from some woman who attracted him. [ ] further stated that on one evening GETTY spent hours telling her that he was not a Nazi, and at another time went to considerable length to convince [ ] that he was not of the Nazi belief.

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Another incident concerning the Subject was related by [ ] and [ ] advised that [ ] told her that approximately three or four years ago GETTY was in New York with [ ] and purchased a yacht which was the third largest one in the world, and that this was following plans to go to Europe, but after having it for three weeks GETTY sold it and sent the yacht to Germany and boasted that he made \$75,000 profit. [ ] further stated that she learned the Subject was very friendly with [ ] [ ] further mentioned that GETTY told her he really knows no one on the west coast, and that he has no particular friends, yet she ascertained that he does know [ ]

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[ ] previously mentioned states that he believes [ ] is a Fascist. [ ] also stated that GETTY has a beach home in Santa Monica where he keeps no servants but where he frequently goes. Through [ ] attention was invited to the fact that Subject, suspected of selling Mexican oil to Germany, is owner of the Pierre Hotel, New York City, and that [ ] and his party, who are reportedly pro-Axis, are residing at the hotel. (X)(4)

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[ ] of the Taylor Drilling and Producing Company, advised that [ ] is inclined to be slightly pro-Nazi. He further advised that he has taken out his first citizenship papers about April, 1939, and has stated that he doesn't know whether he wants to get the second ones or not. [ ] mentioned that the father of [ ] is in a concentration camp at the present time. It should be noted that [ ] is a former [ ] of the Subject. It was learned from [ ] that a confidential informant has stated that GETTY owns a hotel in New York City that is a hotbed of intrigue. This informant also mentioned that [ ] has a suite in this hotel, and that the chief engineer of the GETTY organization is an ex-German submarine captain. It was further stated that there is one file of papers in GETTY'S office which, if photostatted, would give much interesting information. It might be possible to obtain this file, if it is wanted, and it was added that these documents might

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show his real character. It should be noted that this information is dated March 5, 1941. However, a review of the file indicates that no attempt has been made to ascertain what papers are meant. (X)(u)

As has been previously mentioned, [redacted] believes [redacted] to be [redacted] with the Subject and thoroughly reliable. [redacted] telephone CItirus 2-1014, advised that he has been associated with the Subject for 7 years and that up until 1936 he was employed by him as a [redacted] in various business dealings in the oil business. [redacted] indicated that he became [redacted] with the Subject, because the Subject was [redacted] before entering his employ. [redacted] described the Subject as having no friends and never in a position to trust anyone, and because of a large sum of money estimated at between forty and fifty million dollars, [redacted] stated that [redacted] and has discussed various business deals with him at great length. Since [redacted] has left his employ, he has met the Subject quite frequently when he is in Los Angeles and [redacted] agreed to cooperate and stated that he would obtain all information on the Subject, and that if he himself was unable to obtain it, he would learn with whom GETTY was associated and thus obtain it in an indirect manner. [redacted] continued that before the Neutrality Act went into effect, the Subject told him personally that he had agreed to sell 50,000 barrels of oil to Germany, and that the oil was to be shipped to Vladivostok, Russia, and then transferred into Germany, but that the deal fell through when Germany was placed on the black list. [redacted] mentioned further that the Subject is associated with men of prominence throughout the world because of the vast sum of money he has, but firmly believes that the Subject would not be involved in anything subversive because he would never endanger his position as a playboy with so much freedom and money at his disposal. In various discussions along political lines [redacted] stated that the Subject firmly believes in the efficiency of the German officials and has stated on more than one occasion that they have an effective system of government and has remarked that he is personally acquainted with that system for he has seen it in operation and believes that it would do this country a lot of good if they were to be governed under the same efficiency, but [redacted] continued that he believes GETTY would never become instrumental in effecting any such system. [redacted] further stated that he believes the G. F. GETTY Company, which is owned by the Subject, was under investigation by the Internal Revenue Department for violation of the income tax law, and that it is his impression that the Internal Revenue agents might be able to divulge information pertaining to financial activities of this firm. [redacted] later advised that he learned that [redacted]

[redacted] and at present is located in Heidelberg, could be contacted, and any information which she might have, she would divulge. He also stated that [redacted] could also be trusted, as he recently learned through a friend of the company's that both of these [redacted] hated GETTY and would ruin him at the first opportunity. [redacted] further stated that [redacted] and Captain LANGE had both been maltreated by the Subject, and that he believed that if they had any information pertinent to a violation of the Espionage Act on the part of Subject, they would cooperate to the fullest extent. [redacted] mentioned that the Subject had recently opened a new office in one of the [redacted] buildings, and that in a discussion with the Subject some

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time in the fall of 1941 a casual mention was made of this office by the Subject. [ ] believes that this might be worth checking into, since it is possible the files in this office could contain foreign correspondence.

[ ] special agent of the Intelligence Unit in the Board of Internal Revenue, searched his entire files and produced a file showing that investigation was conducted by his department in 1934 regarding the income tax of the G. F. GETTY Company. [ ] mentioned that there was an alleged evasion of the income tax as a result of a transfer of the G. F. GETTY Company to the estate of the G. F. GETTY Company and J. PAUL GETTY. Investigation disclosed that no prosecution or fine resulted, but that upon the death of GEORGE F. GETTY the estate was divided and part inherited by J. PAUL GETTY and the remainder left in control of J. PAUL GETTY'S mother.

In another division of the Internal Revenue [ ] Internal Revenue agent, searched the files with negative results. Through the efforts of [ ] in Santa Monica who has been requested by GETTY to dispose of his beach home in Santa Monica, the contents of the summer home referred to in this report were noted. Special Agent H. FRANK ANGELL and [ ] accompanied the reporting agent and [ ] conversed with the [ ] This property is located at 270 Front Avenue in Santa Monica. It was noted that this is an eight-room house located on the beach front and has been used by GETTY for several parties, and that the property was purchased and the house built for [ ] This search disclosed nothing of value.

[ ] previously mentioned in this report, later advised that he had learned that the Subject was interested in some property in Acapulco, Mexico, and that he had been in Mexico the winter of 1940 and 1941 for the purpose of contacting the government officials in persuading them to put a highway through Acapulco. It is alleged by [ ] that large sums of money were expended for this purpose, but the results have been negative. [ ] also believes that the Subject has become interested in the oil situation in Mexico and is probably engrossed in the idea of establishing a company in Mexico. [ ] stated that this information was obtained from GETTY himself.

In a further discussion with [ ] it is his opinion that the one individual connected with the GETTY Corporation who might be engaged in subversive activity is [ ] who is employed as an [ ] by the GEORGE F. GETTY Company. [ ] further stated that he obtained this information from various employees in an official capacity at other oil companies.

Through the cooperation of Source of Information A\* it was ascer- (X) (M)  
tained that the Subject had recently opened an office in the Donnelly Building  
at 3576 Wilshire, Los Angeles. X Source of Information A stated X that he learned (X) (M)  
from the [ ] of the building that the [ ] of this office is [ ]  
[ ] who was believed to be a good American and would not become involved  
in any subversive activity regardless of any offers made.

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years of age and a [redacted] She further stated that at that time she was told by GETTY that he was 29 years of age, and that he had never been married before, but it was ascertained at a later date that GETTY had been married twice [redacted] She stated that at that time he was 34 years of age. She further advised [redacted] [redacted] which paid him about \$20,000 to \$25,000 American dollars annually, and he was considered to be a wealthy individual in [redacted] She mentioned that he lived in Zurich [redacted] GETTY. She further mentioned [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the Subject speaks German fluently, but that he no longer wishes to carry on any conversations in German, since Germany has become an enemy of ours. She further advised that on one occasion in 1939 and 1940 GETTY bragged about informing the German army of a way to break through the Maginot Line, stating that he told them to periscope under the Maginot Line, inserting a sufficient charge of dynamite to blow the whole line, but whether or not they followed this advice is another subject. She further advised that GETTY has a tremendous amount of money and estimates his wealth to be in the vicinity of fifty million dollars and is vitally interested in all sections of the world, having in mind that he might establish a business any place where he is able to make a dollar. She stated that in

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an attempt to increase his wealth, he spent several months in Mexico, where he contacted the officials of the Mexican government in an attempt to persuade them to make a resort in Acapulco, and his idea was to build a hotel. She mentioned that the last time the Subject was in Germany was during 1939, and that prior to that he used to visit Germany at least once a year. She further mentioned that GETTY loves to boast about the important people he knows, but she has never heard him mention that he is acquainted with any of the officials of the German Reich. It should be mentioned that [ ] was interviewed by Special Agent H. FRANK ANGELL and the reporting agent, and that it was some time before [ ] was persuaded to discuss the facts set forth in this report, for she believed that any discussion upon which she might enter regarding the situation in Germany would get to the German officials and [ ]

[ ] She stated that at no time has she or [ ] been approached by anyone with a request to obtain and develop information pertaining to our National Defense, and if this request was made, she would answer in the negative. [ ]

[ ] and she states that they are now the object of her No. 1 hate.

[ ] telephone ARdmore 39764, when interviewed by Special Agent H. FRANK ANGELL and the reporting agent, advised that [ ]

[ ] She further advised that if it were possible to obtain information regarding a violation of any law on the part of the Subject, she would fully cooperate and even go out of her way to aid the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She further advised that she was in Berlin with the Subject in [ ] and that during that time she was with the Subject constantly and at no time did he contact any government official but merely interested himself in objects of art, antiques, and such bric-a-brac. She stated that when HITLER came to power, he was interested but merely because of the efficiency with which HITLER and other German officials conducted their efficient system of government and stated on more than one occasion that this country would be much better off if it were run as efficiently as the German government. She further stated that this is a reflection of GETTY'S mind, since he is interested in anything orderly, effective, and efficient and is amiable towards the way those in power crush the weak.

At various times when the Subject was under discussion [ ] stated that it was GETTY'S opinion that HITLER was interested only in making Germany a world power, but the Subject has been discussed at various times since HITLER has invaded Russia, and GETTY has stated that he believes HITLER is trying to make Germany the only supreme power in Europe, which he believes is wrong. She further stated that she knows GETTY was in Mexico but she did not know the reason for his visit there but would find out at a later date [ ]

[ ] advised that she had contacted the Subject, and he had visited her on December 19, 1941, and spent six hours with her discussing various topics in which he has had an interest for the past five to six years. She stated that GETTY admitted knowing several German officials but none of major importance, and further stated that the German officials that he knows are those in business, stating that he was acquainted with them when he was dickering

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with them on an oil contract. He further stated to [ ] that while he was in Germany in 1939, he was also approached by the officials of the Russian government and was promised a percentage of all oil drilled if he would come to Russia and sink oil wells for them. He was also propositioned along the same lines by the officials of the German government, and states that this is when he met the German officials. She further stated that GETTY answered negatively to all offers made, and that in the further discussion of this subject with the German officials, they promised to turn over to him any German paintings that he would want, but his answer was still No. She further stated that GETTY was in Mexico from November, 1940, until April, 1941, at which time he was in the process of buying property in Acapulco, and that he had obtained options on property there but would not buy outright unless the Mexican administration would pave a road through Acapulco. He admitted that several offers amounting to bribery were made, but that when he discussed the Subject with his attorney, [ ] he was discouraged. At this time [ ] advised that GETTY told her that [ ] was still in his employ, although he was dumb and could not be placed in an administrative position, and [ ] kept asking for favors for her brother. She further stated that GETTY spoke of the need for unity in the United States at this time, describing the Axis powers as a bone of contention and that the United States had a most difficult battle on its hands but he believed that in the end HITLER and other dictators would be made to suffer for the wrongs they have committed.

[ ] but now living with [ ] at [ ] advised that he is in GETTY'S employ as a [ ] in the oil fields in [ ]

He further advised that he came to America in 1934 and studied for two years in Washington State, studying the subject of oil engineering, for he intended to return to Germany and work in the oil fields. He returned to Germany in 1936 but came back the following year and studied for one more year in the University of Southern California and concentrated on oil engineering at GETTY'S suggestion. It should be mentioned that [ ] gave the same information pertaining to the wrong done [ ] by the German government as [ ] set out above in this report. [ ] stated that it was his opinion that GETTY is friendly with the German officials but believes it arose as a result of GETTY'S trying to interest the oil business officials in buying oil from him. He stated that it has been the subject of discussion on more than one occasion that GETTY is friendly with the Reich officials, but this allegation has never been substantiated.

Captain FREDERICK LANGE, 1312 South Poinsettia, Compton, California, advised that he is presently employed in the California Shipyards in the Regulation Department but was formerly in the employ of GETTY. He further advised that he came to this country in 1935 and married a [ ] a member of one of New York's oldest families, and at present has a son [ ] years old, who was born in [ ]. He stated that from 1925 until 1930 he was captain of [ ] yacht, and that in 1930 GETTY purchased this yacht from [ ] and he transferred masters. This yacht was later sold by GETTY, and during the time GETTY did not have a boat LANGE stated that he worked in the Production Department of the GETTY Oil Company.

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He further advised that in 1933 GETTY purchased another yacht, the "Warrior", and three years later, in November, 1936, GETTY sold this yacht to a French financier. Captain LANGE further stated that he took the "Warrior" to France, and that it was to be sold after it was thoroughly examined by the French financier, but at the time he arrived in France, GETTY was in Germany attending the Olympic Games, and it was necessary to call him long distance before the bargaining for sale began. After the sale of this yacht, Captain LANGE stated that he went to Germany but did not see GETTY at this time, as GETTY has returned to the United States. Captain LANGE mentioned that he then returned to the United States and saw GETTY in his office in California. Captain LANGE further mentioned that GETTY visited Germany once every year, but it was merely for pleasurable purposes, although he does know that GETTY tried on several occasions to interest the German government in oil contracts. Captain LANGE further mentioned that GETTY is well-known in practically every country in the world, for he has been an extensive traveler and because of his large wealth is able to meet the important men in every country. Captain LANGE further stated that he does not know for sure whether GETTY had any direct contact with HITLER but does know that a rumor circulated in the Hotel Pierre in New York that GETTY had received a tie from HITLER in recognition of their acquaintance, but GETTY never mentioned this to him, nor had he ever heard GETTY mention it to anyone and has on several occasions heard GETTY deny that he has met HITLER. He further stated that he has heard GETTY speak about politics quite often but has never heard him discuss HITLER, with the exception of HITLER'S effectiveness in maintaining discipline in Germany and especially in the army.

Captain LANGE stated that when he returned from Germany in 1936, he was in California in GETTY'S employ for some time, and that later he went to New York as manager of the Hotel Pierre. He stated that he does not know of any important German officials who stayed at the Pierre Hotel but stated that it was a famed stopping-place for people of importance, as it was considered one of New York's finest hotels. Captain LANGE further stated that during his period of employment at the Hotel Pierre, he frequently came in contact with [redacted] who was [redacted] and [redacted] who was GETTY'S attorney, and it is his opinion that both of these men believed GETTY to be pro-Nazi, and on one occasion, just prior to the editorial in the New York paper stating that GETTY had received favors from the German government and other pro-Nazi activity on the part of GETTY, which editorial is part of this file, he saw [redacted] in consultation with several New York scribes, and it is his opinion that they divulged the information which he knows to be untrue, to the New York press. Captain LANGE stated that he was called back to California in 1940 and for a short time was employed as an engineer in the oil fields for GETTY, and that GETTY called him into his office and told him that he was to go to the Hotel Pierre in New York as an efficiency expert. Captain LANGE continued that he arrived in New York seven or eight days subsequent to this order, and [redacted] advised him that he was no longer on GETTY'S payroll. Captain LANGE further continued that he advised [redacted] that some mistake must have happened, as he had orders to appear in New York for business purposes regarding GETTY'S interests. Captain LANGE stated that he put in a long distance call to GETTY, who was then located in California, and GETTY advised him that in a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hotel Pierre, it was suggested by GETTY that Captain LANGE be made an efficiency expert in the Hotel Pierre, but

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that subsequent to the meeting and since LANGE had left for New York, he had received orders from the Board of Directors that they did not believe it was important for LANGE to assume the position of efficiency expert, and further, that Captain LANGE'S services were no longer required in the oil fields in California, which was indicative of the fact that Captain LANGE could consider himself no longer in the employ of the Subject. The Captain stated that he then returned to California and has been working in the California Shipyards in the Regulation Department since.

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THE LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will interview Subject GETTY and all questions pertinent to the Subject's activity should be fully answered by him. It should be noted that the Subject was recently interviewed January 28, 1942, in regard to [ ] who was connected with the [ ] case, Los Angeles file [ ] and at that time stated that he was more than anxious to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and would at his own expense fulfill any request made of him.

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Will check with [CNDI L. A. 10-2] to obtain information from Captain LANGE regarding the Subject's recent application to become a naval officer, since it is believed that at that time he was thoroughly interviewed regarding a position. (u)

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Source of Information A mentioned in this report is [redacted] (u)

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May 8, 1942

Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

RE: JEAN PAUL OSTY  
Espionage (G)

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two photostatic copies of a memorandum dated April 8, 1942, received at the Bureau from Assistant Attorney General Wendell Berge of the Department concerning the above captioned individual.

It is noted that in this memorandum, Mr. Berge sets out specific lines along which he would desire additional investigation to be conducted in this case.

You are instructed to conduct the additional investigation as requested in the enclosed memorandum and to submit a report reflecting the results of such investigation in the near future in order that the Department may be properly advised in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr Kramer \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Los Angeles, California  
May 19, 1942

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D C

RE JEAN PAUL GETTY  
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Dear Sir

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 8, 1942 in the above-entitled case, Bureau file 100-1202, requesting that additional investigation be conducted regarding instant matter in the near future

Special Agent EDWARD A FURBUSH, JR , to whom this case is presently assigned, is now engaged in investigating a sedition case which will occupy his time for the next few weeks Subsequent to this time it is contemplated that a thorough investigation will be conducted in this matter

Very truly yours,

*R B Hood*

R B HOOD  
Special Agent in Charge

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May 15, 1942

*[Signature]*  
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In connection with the next voyage to the United States of the SS ~~SS~~ DROTTNINGHOLM you may desire to advise the FBI that [Redacted] [Redacted] Jean Paul Getty, is one of the scheduled passengers. You will recall that Mr. Getty's name has been mentioned in connection with that of [Redacted] concerning whom the FBI has conducted a thorough investigation.

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May 28, 1942

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Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

RE: JEAN PAUL GUTTY, was;  
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Dear Sir:

By memorandum dated May 15, 1942, the State Department advised the Bureau that [redacted] the subject, was scheduled as a passenger on the next voyage that the S. S. "Drottningholm" would make to the United States.

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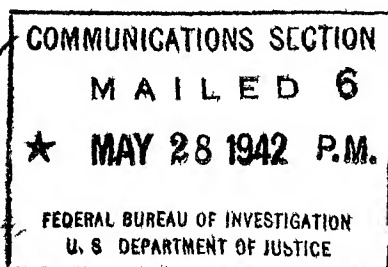
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

May 25, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: REPATRIATION OF U. S. CITIZENS  
ABOARD SS DROTTHINGHOLM

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E.A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Reference is made to the list dated May 6, 1942 made up by the State Department and given to Special Agent [redacted] consists of the names of twenty-seven American citizens who will return to this country from Europe aboard the SS Drottingholm which is scheduled to arrive at New York City sometime around the first of June, 1942. The State Department has asked whether the Bureau has any derogatory information concerning any of these individuals.

Reference is also made to a second memorandum dated May 13, 1942 which consists of the names of forty-two individuals and one dog which was made up by the State Department and given to Special Agent [redacted] to determine whether the Bureau has any derogatory information concerning them. These also are coming to this country aboard the SS Drottingholm.

Both of these lists are being considered in this memorandum and only the individuals concerning whom the Bureau has some derogatory information will be referred to hereinafter.

STATE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM OF MAY 6, 1942

1. [redacted]

By letter dated May 25, 1940, [redacted] informed that [redacted] an American born citizen of this country, is a member of a Fascist group in New York City and also in Italy. [redacted] was said to be the [redacted] of the Lon Carlos Opera Company of New York City. He reportedly is a naturalized American citizen, who was born in [redacted]

[redacted] said that she had obtained the above information in a social conversation and could not vouch for its authenticity. No investigation was made of this individual.

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2. [REDACTED]

On February 17, 1942, the Interdepartmental Alien Visa Control Committee Number III met at the Department of State at 9:00 a.m. to consider cases of applicants for Immigration visas into this country. One, [REDACTED] was considered and disapproved. [REDACTED] a [REDACTED] of the "Black Star" on which organization the F.B.I. has compiled derogatory information, was said to be an enemy alien, having been born in [REDACTED]

It was pointed out that [REDACTED] since 1933, has been employed as a [REDACTED] in the Official Information Office at Geneva, Switzerland.

It was said that in view of her background and the additional fact that she was from [REDACTED] a country which is dominated by Nazi authority, it would be very undesirable to admit her. The Immigration and War Department representatives concurred with the F.B.I. The Office of Naval Intelligence and State Department representatives voted to approve her visa.

It was pointed out in this hearing by the Immigration authority that the applicant's husband arrived in this country in August, 1941. He apparently obtained his visa in Switzerland and travelled through Axis dominated territory. This, of course, throws considerable suspicion on the case. The applicant and her husband were married in Switzerland in 1941 and he left within a few days after their marriage for this country.

In view of the fact that this applicant has already been considered, the State Department is in possession of all facts which the Bureau has.

STATE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM OF MAY 13, 1942

1. [REDACTED]

The files reflect in the case of JEAN PAUL GETTY, with aliases, ESPIONAGE - G (100-1202) that in the morgue file of the Los Angeles Times, an article dated November 17, 1939 under a New York date line made the announcement of the marriage of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to Jean Paul Getty, age 42, of Los Angeles and New York. The wedding took place on September 14, 1939 in Rome, Italy, in the American Consulate. It is believed that this individual is identical with the [REDACTED] who is coming to this country on the SS Drottingholm.

Jean Paul Getty was born in Minneapolis in December, 1892 and is a very rich man, his family having made its money in oil holdings. He is

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said to be outspoken in support of Germany and Nazi ideology and highly approves of the effectiveness of the Nazi system. He has been in Germany several times each year prior to 1942 and reportedly was closely associated with Hitler, [REDACTED]

The Los Angeles Office reported that Getty attempted to export 50,000 barrels of oil to Germany before the Neutrality Act became effective. He has had in his employ former members of the German Army, Navy and Intelligence units.

Getty is said to have been married at least four times and is constantly "chasing" women, regardless of his marital status. Lately he has been reported to be consorting with [REDACTED] in Mexico City. There he is also said to be closely associated with Mexican Government officials.

No conclusive evidence has been obtained which would indicate that Getty is engaged in espionage or related activities, although he has been the subject of many reports concerning activities inimical to the best interests of this country.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the above information be telephonically given to [REDACTED] of the State Department, who has requested it, and copies of the State Department memoranda of May 6 and May 13, 1942, described above, be returned to Special Agent [REDACTED] in order that they may be returned to [REDACTED]

It should be pointed out to [REDACTED] that this Bureau has previously objected to the issuance of a visa to [REDACTED] and still is of the same opinion, although it will defer to the judgment of the State Department concerning her.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

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6/16/42

Date

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To

General Staff  
Chief, Military Intelligence Service  
War Department  
Washington, D. C.

From J Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

PAUL GETTY, SPARTAN AIRCRAFT COMPANY

Subject

Under date of June 6, 1942, there was received at this Bureau an anonymous communication postmarked June 4, 1942, at New York, New York, which reads as follows

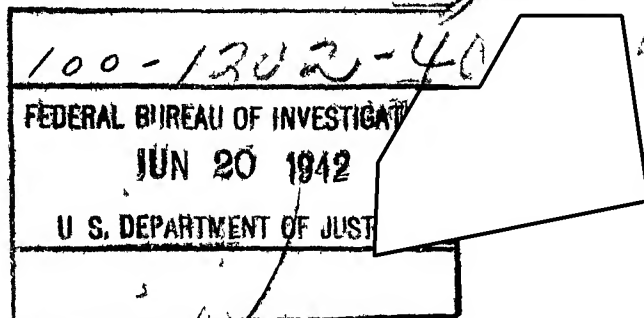
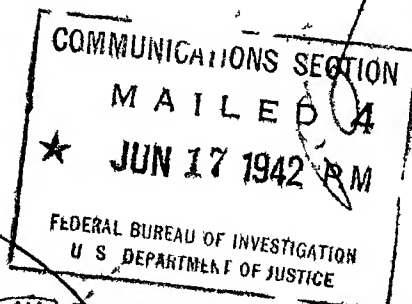
"Please give the enclosed your attention. Did not the newspapers announce that the final negotiations of sale of the property to said owner mentioned in this article were concluded by cable while he was in BERLIN, a guest of ADOLPH HITLER

"Also, please check up on the following: SAID HOTEL HOUSE KEEPER."

Enclosed with the above letter was a newspaper clipping of a column entitled "Broadway" written by one Danton Walker. The item which the anonymous letter refers to appears in this column and is as follows:

"Paul Getty, owner of the Hotel Pierre, is now president of the Spartan Aircraft Co., at Tulsa, Okla."

There is no additional information in the clipping concerned with this matter. The above data are being furnished for your information.



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Reference is made to your letter of July 2, 1942, concerning Jean Paul Getty, whose association with the Spartan Aviation Company is viewed with suspicion. (S) (U) *Per Army letter*

For your information, there is being transmitted herewith one copy each of the following reports pertaining to the activities of Getty:

Report of Special Agent V. I. Parry, Los Angeles, California,  
dated November 12, 1940

Report of Special Agent V. I. Parry, Los Angeles, California,  
dated December 18, 1940

Report of Special Agent Louis Loebl, Washington, D. C , dated  
January 4, 1941

Report of Special Agent [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana,  
dated April 3, 1941

Mr Tolson \_\_\_\_\_ Report of Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_ Los Angeles, California,  
Mr E A Tamm \_\_\_\_\_ dated April 30, 1941  
Mr Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr Glavin \_\_\_\_\_ Report of Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_, Los Angeles, California,  
Mr Ladd \_\_\_\_\_ dated August 23, 1941  
Mr Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr Rosen \_\_\_\_\_ Report of Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_ New York City, dated  
Mr Tracy \_\_\_\_\_ November 13, 1941  
Mr Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr Coffey \_\_\_\_\_ Report of Special Agent Edward A. Furbush, Jr., Los Angeles,  
Mr HENRICH \_\_\_\_\_ California, dated November 24, 1941  
Mr Kramer \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr McGuire \_\_\_\_\_ Report of Special Agent Edward A. Furbush, Jr., Los Angeles,  
Mr Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_ California, dated April 4, 1942  
Mr Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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In the event you receive any further information concerning Getty, it would be appreciated if you would furnish the same to me.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES

FILE NO 65-2170

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DETAILS

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On June 19, 1942, [redacted] Subject of instant case at his Los Angeles home, 647 South Kingsley Drive, advised that GETTY is now living in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and has no intention of returning to Los Angeles at the present time. She further advised that he is now president of the Spartan Aircraft Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and has occupied this position for several months. It was the intention of the writer to contact Subject of instant case in view of the suggestion by Inspector [redacted] to interview him in the office with regard to the facts obtained from an investigation of his past activities.

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On June 30, July 3, and July 15, 1942, Source of Information A was interviewed for the purpose of developing him as a Source of Information for the Los Angeles Office. During the first interview with Source of Information A, he advised that GETTY, Subject of instant case, [redacted] Source of Information A's, and it was believed that Source of Information A might supply further information on GETTY. Source of Information A further advised that he has known JEAN PAUL GETTY for approximately four or five years, and [redacted] He continued that [redacted]

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[redacted] Source of Information A continued that [redacted]

During the period of association with GETTY in New York City, Source of Information A met [redacted] Subject of Los Angeles File [redacted] entitled [redacted] with aliases, DR. GERT VON GONTARD, Espionage - G, and from the close affiliation between [redacted] and GETTY, it is the opinion of Source of Information A's that GETTY is responsible for coming to the United States. Source of Information A continued that [redacted] on very friendly terms with [redacted] because he was not impressed by her, believing that she was here for some sinister purpose, so is unable to comment intelligently upon the background of the [redacted] GETTY companionship. He stated, however, that a [redacted] address unknown, but who was a gambler and [redacted] GETTY'S, and [redacted] in New York City, was in [redacted] company a great deal while she was in New York City, and it is believed that he would be able to furnish information regarding her activity while in New York City.

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At a later date, GETTY, in a conversation with Source of Information A in Los Angeles, stated that [redacted] was now in Mexico, and that he had seen her a short time ago in Mexico City, and the way in which this statement was made indicated to Source of Information A that GETTY was responsible for financing her trip to Mexico City from New York. He further stated that [redacted]

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was in Los Angeles for a short time before leaving for Mexico City, and he has several other friends who will furnish information regarding her activity and association with GETTY while in Los Angeles.

X Source of Information A continued that [redacted] (X)(u)

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[redacted] where it is believed there are many large gold mines. X Source of Information [redacted] (X)(u)

[redacted] whose names are unknown to Source of Information at the present time, but one of these officials is believed to be [redacted] X Source of Information A X (X)(u) promised that he could obtain the names of the other two Mexican officials who were with GETTY at this time.

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b X Source of Information A continued that [redacted] (X)(u)

[redacted] knows GETTY very well. X Source of Information A related that [redacted] is at present in Mexico but returns to Los Angeles frequently. [redacted] it is believed, by Source of Information A X is also familiar with the activity of [redacted] in Mexico City. It should be noted that [redacted] was mentioned in the report of Special Agent [redacted] New York City, dated November 13, 1941, which has reference to the article in the New York News regarding GETTY and his dealings with certain men in a conspiracy to sell oil to the Axis. X Source of Information A X vouches for the Americanism of [redacted] but has promised not to disclose the identity of the Agent in the event a meeting is arranged between [redacted] and the writer. (X)(u)

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Further information regarding the activity of Subject GETTY will be obtained from [redacted] of one of the Studios in Hollywood, who has been associated with GETTY while he was traveling in Europe

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Still further information with regard to the activity of [redacted] in Mexico City was obtained from Source of Information B, who is a [redacted] of Source of Information A's, and who related that while he was in Mexico City for two months less than a year ago, it was common news that [redacted] had (X)(u)

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an "in" with [redacted] of the Mexican Cabinet, who was decidedly pro-Axis in his sympathies. Source of Information A and B both advised that [redacted]

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\*Source of Information A advised that [redacted] GETTY'S present wife, will arrive in Los Angeles about August 1, 1942, and will stay with [redacted] and [redacted]

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\*Source of Information [redacted]

Inspector [redacted], upon reviewing instant file, suggested that Subject be interviewed at the Field Office, and inasmuch as GETTY is at present located in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the important parts of this investigation are being set forth to enable the Oklahoma City Field Office to intelligently interview GETTY

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In a letter from the Bureau dated August 27, 1940, it was indicated that information had been obtained from a source previously reliable concerning the purchase of the Hotel Pierre, 5th Avenue and 61st Street, New York City, by J. PAUL GETTY. It was further related that GETTY is fabulously wealthy oil man of German descent, who has made his residence in California. The Bureau advised that the circumstances concerning the purchase of the Hotel are of significance, inasmuch as it appears that persons of Italian affiliations may center their activities at this point. It appears that the Hotel Pierre was purchased from the bondholders through [redacted] in New York City, approximately a year and a half ago, that the hotel, being in poor financial condition, was sacrificed at a price fixed at approximately two million dollars. It was learned that the purchase was made on the authority of GETTY while he was in Germany, and while there he telegraphically instructed his representatives in the United States to immediately "clean out the hotel." This instruction resulted in a general dismissal of all of the employees who had been with the hotel for a number of years.

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A [redacted] was made [redacted] of the Hotel, and it was learned that [redacted] was a former [redacted] with no previous hotel experience. [redacted] (Phonetic). Investigation in Los Angeles showed that the World Petroleum Register of 1929 listed a J. PAUL GETTY, 701 Atlas Life Building, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and 417 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California, and further reflected that the GEORGE F. GETTY, INC., oil company, Jersey City, New Jersey, with branches at Los Angeles and Tulsa, Oklahoma, listed the officers of this firm as [redacted]

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[redacted] The [redacted] of this firm were listed as [redacted] and the Register indicated that this firm has productive acreage in California, New Mexico, and Texas.

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The credit company files revealed a report dated January 29, 1936, on Subject, indicating he is the son and heir of the late GEORGE F. GETTY, who left more than twenty-five million dollars. It further revealed that GETTY has kept the oil business, left to him by his father, in excellent shape financially, and has ample financial reserves for his requirements.

In the last two years, due to domestic difficulties, he has traveled in the United States and Europe, and the actual operation of the business has been left in the hands of competent businessmen. The report continued that GETTY had been married four times, his first wife charging him with immorality in the divorce complaint and naming twenty-six co-respondents. He subsequently married a German girl, but after having been married a short time he turned his attention to other women and his wife learned of his conduct and returned to Germany. It should be noted that this [redacted] and is presently living in Los Angeles and has been interviewed by the writer. The rest of the report from the credit Bureau indicates the vast wealth of the Subject and is not believed to be important.

At the newspaper morgue it was learned that GETTY graduated from the University of California and Oxford University. In another article, dated September 11, 1935, it showed that GETTY had offered for sale his yacht, "The Warrior," built in 1934 at a cost of one million four hundred thousand dollars. Another article, dated November 23, 1939, under a New York date line, indicated that GETTY had returned to New York from Italy on that date on the SS "CONTI DI SAVOIA" after negotiating with Soviet Russian buyers in Berlin, Germany, for the sale of one million barrels of California oil to be used in Siberia, GETTY stating that it would cost less to transport oil from California to Vladivostok than from the Russian owned Baku oil fields. Another article indicated that GETTY married [redacted] September 14, 1939, in Rome at the American Consulate.

GETTY was born at Minneapolis, Minnesota, December 15, 1892. His father, GEORGE FRANKLIN GETTY, is alleged to have been born in Maryland. GETTY was issued passports in 1920, 1926, 1928, 1932, and 1936. His last passport, No. 284,603, was issued on May 15, 1936, upon Application executed at the Department the same day. He stated that he desired to visit Germany, France, and England for pleasure. At that time he gave his address as 809 Otter Rock Drive, Greenwich, Connecticut. (It should be noted that investigation in Greenwich failed to disclose any record of GETTY'S having lived there.)

It was ascertained from a confidential source that GETTY maintains two accounts with the Security Office of the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles, California. Informant advised that one account is a personal account which has an average balance of approximately \$80,000.00, and the other is a trustee account which has an average balance of approximately \$95,000.00. Informant is unable to ascertain the distinction between the two accounts.

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Observation of the canceled checks paid against these accounts, during March, 1941, failed to disclose that any of the checks had been signed by GETTY, but were signed by persons believed to be office employees. He further advised that he had been unable to find that any of the disbursements from these two accounts were of interest, they being mostly alimony payments to his various ex-wives.

Informant further advised that he had ascertained from the records of the bank that on January 28, 1941, an American Express Company letter of credit, No 93735, in the amount of \$10,000.00, had been forwarded to GETTY through the Banco Nacional de Mexico at Mexico City. The credit files of the bank disclosed that on February 6, 1941, inquiry was made by [redacted] [redacted] Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York City, regarding GETTY, indicating that the bank had a customer who was contemplating business dealings with GETTY

On May 24, 1941, [redacted] advised a confidential informant of the Los Angeles Office that she had recently come from New York City, where she had been talking with Dr. GERT VON GONTARD. At one time she was [redacted] (X)(u)

It should be noted that [redacted]

[redacted] told Informant that she strongly suspected GETTY of being mixed up in pro-German and un-American activities, contending that he was the owner of the Pierre Hotel in New York City and has openly expressed himself as being in favor of the Nazi form of Government; further, that he is a [redacted] who, she stated, was the [redacted] of Mexico during the [redacted] regime.

[redacted] further advised informant that [redacted] was GETTY'S girlfriend (X)(u)

The fact that GETTY is close to [redacted] appears particularly pertinent in view of the fact that [redacted] had recently sold [redacted] in New York, and it was the opinion of [redacted] that this was done because the Government forced him to do so. [redacted] allegedly lives in [redacted] and was believed to have sheltered two aliens who came into the United States illegally, and it was the opinion of [redacted] that Dr. GERT VON GONTARD had an interview with these two aliens.

[redacted] reported to the informant that GETTY was a close friend of [redacted] and one [redacted] an Irish American who lived on [redacted] and who has visited Germany some six or eight times over the past few years. [redacted] advised that [redacted] and she suspects all three of being spies. [redacted] is supposed to be in the [redacted] business, and has allegedly done business with firms in Germany, but was unable to recall the names of any [redacted] firms when talking with [redacted] in New York. (X)(u)

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According to [ ] claims she left Germany pursued by the Gestapo, that as a result of her friendship with GETTY, he was able to get her a visa for entrance into Mexico, telling the [ ] who is a good friend of GETTY'S, that [ ] was an American citizen. After arriving in Mexico, [ ] had an affair with the former [ ] previously mentioned, GETTY having introduced her to him. According to Informant, [ ] related that [ ] had nothing more to do with [ ] after four weeks, but now continues in close contact with GETTY, as well as [ ].

Information obtained from [ ] and an English Subject, disclosed that he was very friendly with [ ] while she was in Hollywood, and [ ] told him of [ ] in Europe, but because the German Government forced her to be intimate with anyone they directed in the official circles, she decided to get out of the country, and under the pretext that she was going to [ ] in France, went to Paris. She told [ ] that she had met all the high officials in Germany from HITLER down. [ ] questioned her further at various times with relation to her ability to get out of Germany so easily, but she was unable to answer these questions satisfactorily.

[ ] learned that [ ] had received a pay check from [ ] at San Francisco, and when he confronted [ ] with this, she did not deny nor affirm it. After being in her company for approximately two months, [ ] accused her of being a German spy and in the pay of the German Government, and when she did not deny it, he told her he would have nothing more to do with her.

According to another source of information, it was learned from [ ] who has been reported as a friend of [ ] that [ ] came to this country financially broke, and that after her arrival, she took up with [ ] who later wanted to marry her, but she would not consent. GETTY is a friend of [ ] and after her affair with [ ] she took up with GETTY.

~~X~~ From a confidential informant, ~~X~~ the following information was obtained ~~X~~  
~~X~~ On April 22, 1941 ~~X~~

PAUL GETTY is now in Los Angeles, is the owner of the Pierre Hotel, 5th Avenue and 61st Street, New York City, which, it is stated, is a veritable nest of intrigue for numerous German agents working in the United States. The Pierre Hotel is [ ] by [ ], who is said to be an [ ] [ ] Also active in the management of this hotel is [ ] [ ] formerly of the German Military Service, and [ ] who has been a [ ] of Subject's for a number of years. About January, 1940, informant was engaged in business dealings with Subject, which was shortly after the start of the war in Europe. Subject was very outspoken and frank in his

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sympathy for Germany and for the ideology of Nazism. It was also stated that Subject has a German girl, now living in Germany, with whom Subject lives as husband and wife when Subject is in Germany, and that Subject has two children living in Germany as a result of this relationship. During a very frank discussion, Subject stated that he frequently associated socially with [redacted] and on numerous occasions during Subject's various periods of living in Germany, he had met and associated a number of times with HITLER.

In a letter from the Bureau, dated August 15, 1941, is set out information received from an outside highly confidential source, stating that the information apparently originates from a source close to the Subject. According to the data received, it was denied that Subject controls "Tidewater" which may possibly refer to the Tidewater Oil Company, and it was also denied that Subject ships oil to Germany, Spain, Russia, and Japan. It was further denied that he was given a tie by HITLER, and that he announced the sale of a million barrels of oil to Russia. According to the data received, GETTY allegedly said that he was thinking of this deal. It was also denied that he was ever involved in the Mexican presidential election, and that he has never been acquainted with [redacted] and LANG, who was described as an efficiency expert. (It should be noted that the writer interviewed Captain LANG, who states that he has been intimately associated with Subject as Captain of his yacht "The Warrior")

It was learned in August, 1941, that GETTY was very friendly with [redacted] who is alleged to be a pro-Nazi, attempting to form a Fascist movement in the United States.

It was learned from [redacted] who is the former [redacted] Subject of instant case [redacted] that GETTY traveled to Germany once or twice a year, but she was unable to name anyone with whom GETTY was in contact in Germany [redacted]

It should be noted that [redacted] the Subject, was interviewed by the writer, and is not on friendly terms with Subject, in view of the fact that the Subject promised him several years ago to bring him to America, send him to school, and bring him into his organization as an officer. [redacted] stated that Subject has failed to keep his promise, and [redacted] is at present working in the oil fields as a laborer for a very small salary.

[redacted] Subject's [redacted] wife, but now divorced from him, professes no love for the Subject. She advised that she divorced him several years after marrying him, when she learned that he had lied about his past activities, stating that he told her he had never been married, but she found out later he had been and was the father of three children. [redacted] related [redacted]

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[redacted] and when she requested GETTY'S aid to enter a plea with the German high officials, he refused, stating that he did not know anyone to contact. During a conversation with the Subject in 1939, GETTY bragged about informing the German Army of a way to break through the Maginot Line, but she does not know whether this is the truth

[redacted] was of the opinion that GETTY was too weak an individual to be involved in anything which would be inimical to the best interests of the United States. She advised that GETTY is wealthy enough to associate with the high officials of every country in the world, but merely for business reasons, and would not, in her opinion, be involved in anything regarding political interests of the United States. She further advised that GETTY was in Mexico from November, 1940, until March or April, 1941, at which time he was interested in buying property in Acapulco, and that he had obtained options on property there but would not buy outright unless the Mexican administration would pave a road through Acapulco. After working for several months on this scheme, she related how GETTY became discouraged and returned to the United States.

Captain FREDERICK LANGE, 1312 South Poinsettia, Compton, California, advised that he was Captain of a yacht which GETTY purchased in 1930, which was the first time he came into GETTY'S employ. Later LANGE reports GETTY sold this yacht, and during the time GETTY was without a boat, LANGE worked in the Production Department of the Getty Oil Company. LANGE continued that in 1933 GETTY purchased the yacht "The Warrior," and three years later, in November, 1936, GETTY sold this yacht to a French financier. At this time LANGE took the "Warrior" to France, and after it was thoroughly examined by the French financier, agreed to buy it, and Captain LANGE telephonically contacted GETTY, who was in Germany in attendance at the Olympic Games.

LANGE stated that he was aware of the rumor circulating about the Hotel Pierre regarding GETTY'S obtaining a necktie from HITLER for favors rendered, but LANGE states that on several occasions he has heard GETTY deny that he has met HITLER. LANGE stated that he has never been in GETTY'S presence when GETTY discussed any love for Germany or HITLER, with the exception of HITLER'S effectiveness in maintaining discipline in ruling Germany and her Armies. LANGE at present states he is no longer in the employ of GETTY, inasmuch as he was dismissed from his employ in 1940 and has been working in the California Shipyards in the Regulation Department since.

From an item appearing in the local newspaper, it was learned that GETTY has been the new President of the Spartan Aircraft Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, since February, 1942. It should be noted that a Memorandum with reference to the investigation on instant file was submitted to the Department

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and in a Memorandum to the Director, dated April 8, 1942, making a reference to this memorandum, the following information was set out by VENDELL BERGE, Assistant Attorney General:

A review of the material submitted indicates that the allegations of a rather sensational nature have been made against this Subject. If these allegations, or some of them, are true, the Subject is a person extremely dangerous to the safety of this country. It is therefore believed desirable to extend this investigation until every possibility has been exhausted.

Mr. BERGE further requests the names of witnesses available to testify against the allegations made in instant case. He also requests the source of the information which [redacted] of the New York Daily News, set out in his story on GETTY, with particular emphasis being placed that a definite understanding was reached on the GETTY-[redacted] Axis-etc. Mr. BERGE also requests that [redacted] of the Hotel Pierre, who resigned in the Fall of 1940, be located and if a preliminary inquiry indicates he is reliable, he should be interviewed for any and all data which he may have bearing on the Subject.

Mr. BERGE suggests that [redacted] former [redacted] at the Hotel Pierre, who was discharged by [redacted], be interviewed with relation to the Subject's activities. Further, Mr. BERGE suggests that upon the completion of the investigation suggested in the foregoing paragraphs, consideration should be given as to the desirability of interviewing the Subject himself, continuing that the Subject should be acquainted with the more sensational allegations which have been made against him, and he should be permitted to offer any defense or refutation he desires. Mr. BERGE continued that Subject should be questioned in detail about all his international transactions, both business and social, and he should be required to explain the circumstances surrounding his receipt of \$60.16 from Germany on January 17, 1940. (APG)

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THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York, New York, will locate [redacted] of the Hotel Pierre, who resigned in the Fall of 1940. If this individual is located, efforts should be made to determine his present activities and his citizenship status. If, from this preliminary inquiry, it appears that [redacted] is reliable, he should be interviewed for any and all data which he may have bearing on the Subject.

Will, with regard to the newspaper story in the New York Daily News regarding Subject of instant case under the [redacted] ascertain whether or not the New York Daily News published the retraction of the article, demanded by [redacted] Attorney at Law, 19 Rector Street, and ascertain all the details of this affair, including the ultimate disposition of the complaint.

Will locate and interview [redacted] former [redacted] of GEORGE F. GETTY, INC., relative to their knowledge of and connection with the Subject. It is noted that they withdrew from the GETTY Company, and the reasons for the severance of their connections should be set out.

Will locate and interview [redacted] at the Hotel, who was discharged from that position by [redacted]. It is suggested that it be determined why [redacted] was discharged and thereafter conduct a complete interview with him relative to his own background and to his knowledge of the Subject's activities.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Tulsa, Oklahoma, will, at the suggestion of Inspector [redacted], interview Subject of instant case, giving particular consideration to the important phases of the investigation. The Subject should be acquainted with the more sensational allegations which have been made against him, and he should be permitted to offer any defense or refutation he desires. He should be questioned in detail about all his international transactions, both business and social, and should be required to explain the circumstances surrounding his receipt of \$60.16 from Germany on January 17, 1940. (XIV)

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California, will locate [redacted] of the GEORGE F. GETTY Oil Company, Arcade Building, and interview him regarding his knowledge of Subject's activities.

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Will arrange with Source of Information A to interview [redacted] under pretext, for information pertaining to Subject's activities, both in the United States and Mexico (X) (u)

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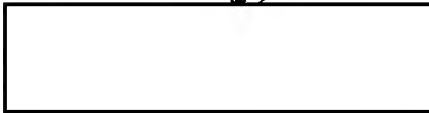
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Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

Re: JEAN PAUL GETTY was,  
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) OF 6/18/88  
5-19-80  
TLB

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am transmitting herewith copies of a report dated June 26, 1942, pertaining to the above captioned subject.

You will note from this report that the subject now controls the Spartan Aircraft Company, the Spartan School of Aeronautics and Radio Station KVOO, all of Tulsa, Oklahoma. The War Department has advised the Bureau that in view of the subject's present position with the Spartan Aircraft Company he is in a position to obtain information of a vital nature. (X) (U) Declassified per Army let 7-24-80

In view of the interest now being displayed by the War Department in the investigation of this matter, it is requested that this case be given immediate attention and a report submitted to the Bureau without further delay.

It is suggested that you furnish the Oklahoma City Field Office with all pertinent data in order that appropriate investigation may be conducted at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

DECLASSIFIED BY SP18A/fv  
ON 11-19-80

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr E A Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr Kramer \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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cc New York

Oklahoma City

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DATE 4-7-80 BY SP1 gah/jr

Special Agent in Charge  
New York, New YorkRE: JEAN PAUL GETTY;  
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Edward A. Furbush, Jr., dated July 21, 1942 at Los Angeles, California.

Your attention is directed to page six of the above report, wherein it is noted that [redacted] was formerly the [redacted] Von Gontard. She advised in effect that Von Gontard [redacted]

[redacted] She also stated that Getty openly expressed himself as being in favor of the Nazi form of Government. It appeared from the interview with [redacted] that she was familiar with the activities of the subject and his associates and made the statement that Getty was a close friend [redacted] in New York City. She then advised that it was her opinion that the Government had forced [redacted] to cease operating [redacted]

The Los Angeles Field Division did not set out a lead to have the New York Field Division verify [redacted] statement, and the New York Office is requested to ascertain why [redacted] was ordered to abandon [redacted] activities.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAILED

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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cc Los Angeles

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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This case originated at LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

O.C. File No. 100-1956

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Title  JEAN PAUL GETTY, alias J. Paul Getty	Character of case  ESPIONAGE - G APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE <u>5-7-84</u>
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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

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Re: [Redacted]

Subject reported by various sources information to be pro-German and to be engaged in possible espionage activities. High officials of Spartan Aircraft Corp, Tulsa, Okla., advise Subject loyal American and performs duties as President of that company in highly efficient manner. Informants who have known Subject and have been acquainted with his activities many years believe him to be a loyal American with an unfortunate wealthy playboy background which is the basis for the present criticism and accusations directed against him. Subject's wife presently residing with him in Tulsa since her return from Italy in July. Informants believe her to be loyal American. Subject, when interviewed, denied all allegations made against him relative to un-American activities.

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## REFERENCE

Report of Special Agent EDWARD TURBUSH, JP, dated at Los Angeles, California, July 21, 1942

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Bureau letter with attachment to the Los Angeles Field Division, September 14, 1942.  
Bureau letter to the Los Angeles Field Division dated June 16, 1942

Letter from the El Paso Field Division to Oklahoma City Field Division, dated June 9, 1942.

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DETAILS

The file in instant case, reviewed by Special Agent [redacted], reflects that in addition to reference communications information has come from several independent sources relating to Subject and possible espionage activities. This information except as herein after set out is in the possession of the Bureau and the New York and Los Angeles Field Divisions as reflected by the summary report attached to Bureau letter of September 14, 1942. Therefore, such information will not be repeated by this office but will be left for the office of origin to report.

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Information has been received from Confidential Informants [redacted] the identity of whom has been previously furnished the Bureau. Information was received from Confidential Informant [redacted] on March 21, 1942, and on July 17, 1942, from Confidential Informant [redacted] on March 24, 1942, June 8, 1942 and on June 14, 1942. (X)(u)

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By reference letter the El Paso Field Division advised that Confidential Informant T-1 had given information with regard to Subject to the effect that he owned a controlling interest in the Skelly Oil Company, Tidewater Oil Company, Pacific Western Oil Company and Missouri Oil Company. (X)(u)

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that he believed MR GETTY to have been born in Pennsylvania or California, and that he was educated in Germany both in high school and college. Confidential Informant T-1 believed MR GETTY to be a graduate of the University of Heidelberg since 1929, according to Confidential Informant T-1. Subject has spent considerable amount of time on the European continent traveling in Germany and Italy. During his visit in Europe, he is believed to have acquired enough stock in the Tidewater and Skelly Oil Companies to be the controlling stockholder. Confidential Informant T-1 further advised that MR GETTY consummated with the governments of Germany, Italy and Japan in 1941 an oil deal calling for the shipment of large quantities of oil from this country to those governments. However, just before the outbreak of hostilities with these governments, the State Department blocked shipment of this oil. Confidential Informant T-1 stated that during the negotiations of this transaction Subject personally met DOLF HITLER and other high German and Italian officials. (X)(u)

Confidential Informant T-1 further advised that since the European War Subject has been leading a life more or less in retirement in California in the vicinity of Los Angeles and San Francisco until March 1942 when he took over the active management of the Sport and Recreation Company at Tulsa, Oklahoma. (X)(u)

Confidential Informant T-1 stated that he had no specific information of any subversive activity or sympathy on the part of the Subject but he believed that his background and his present position warranted an investigation. (X)(u)

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On August 18, 1942, [redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] that one [redacted] had said that Subject was a German, a former resident of New York and presently employed at the Spartan Aircraft Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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On August 18, 1942, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] had related that it was generally rumored around Tulsa that Subject was gradually importing employees from California for the purpose of placing them in key positions of the Spartan Aircraft Company. [redacted] added that most of these imported employees allegedly were of German extraction and that at least one of them reputedly was born in Germany.

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On August 25, 1942, the writer interviewed [redacted] [redacted] It may also be noted that [redacted] patriotism is unquestionable as he has headed many local state wide groups, including the [redacted] drive for the state of Oklahoma, for national defense

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] else, that he had known his father and mother for approximately [redacted] years, and that he [redacted] He spoke of the Subject's father as a brilliant young lawyer of German descent, who came from Hammeset to Oklahoma in about 1912, and whose genius and ability in the oil business made him an outstanding figure. He advised that the Subject's parents, aside from being successful, refined, cultured, extremely loyal Americans and well liked, and that the Subject's father left an estate of \$25,000,000 when he died in 1928.

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Regarding the Subject in this case, [redacted] stated [redacted] [redacted] one with every advantage and opportunity in the world, and although his father attempted to develop him into a practical business man that his association with him in the last few years was evidence that he was unsuccessful in so doing. He advised that JE N P UL GETTY was a different type of individual than any other business man he knew, that he was eccentric, that he did not live a normal life as other people do, that he was a mortal physical coward, suffering greatly from an inferior complex, which he had tried to overcome by seeking publicity, being prominent and getting himself in the limelight as much as possible. [redacted] stated the Subject was very fond of art, music and the people he was eccentric and loved that sort of thing, that he was the most gullible person he had ever met, that he would spend hundreds of dollars to attain any sort of publicity or limelight in fashionable circles amongst people of noble or high social rank. [redacted] stated that the Subject had never worked a day in his life, knew very little about business matters, and had spent

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the greatest part of his life traveling over the entire world, that he had spent several years in Europe, where he associated with anyone he thought was in the limelight, that he was educated at Oxford University and Heidelberg, and that he has many friends and acquaintances among the so-called elite society set in Europe.

When questioned relative to the Subject's attainment of his present position as President of the Sparten Aircraft Corporation in Tulsa, [redacted] replied that [redacted]

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The writer questioned [redacted] at length about the loyalty of the Subject or any un-American tendencies that he might have, and [redacted] replied, "as much as I dislike the man personally, in all fairness to him I do not believe that anything he might be accused of relative to espionage or un-American activities is true." [redacted] advised that GETTY was too selfish a person and that he had too many financial resources in America to be un-American. He stated GETTY had a profound love for people of the Jewish race. He advised the Subject was a victim of circumstances inasmuch as prior to the World War his travels in Europe brought him in contact with many people in Germany and other people of international fame, who at that time were harmless, but since the declaration of war have been under close scrutiny, that inasmuch as GETTY knows them and formerly associated with them, he could easily see how he might be accused of un-American activities.

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[redacted] stated that he did not know whether GETTY met HITLER and other famous Nazis while in Germany in 1931, but that if he did it was because of his natural craving for meeting people of high standing, and not for any espionage activity or because he believes in the Nazi form of government. [redacted]

[redacted] was questioned by the writer relative to the accusation that Subject was importing people from California to assume high positions at the Norton Aircraft Corporation at Tulsa, and he stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] and put up with his eccentricities and peculiarities [redacted] and he admitted that on many occasions he had enjoyed the subject's company

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The writer questioned [redacted] relative to the subject's relationship with [redacted] mentioned in the reference report as being the Subject of Los Angeles file [redacted], and [redacted] advised that he remembered her well, [redacted]

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[redacted] that she is a very beautiful woman, that he believed the Subject's only reason for spending money on [redacted] and associating with her was because she was prominent in Hollywood circles, was a beautiful woman, and that it added to his prestige to be seen in the better circles in Hollywood with her

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Relative to Subject's personal characteristics, [redacted] stated that he was a mortal coward, was afraid of being bombed, and had even constructed a bomb shelter at his home in Tulsa and that his greatest weakness was beautiful women. He estimated that the total amount of money spent by the Subject on various fashionable and famous women in his life would total into the millions. He stated that GETTY'S present wife married him for his money, just as the rest of them had, and that [redacted]

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The writer questioned [redacted] relative to the Subject seeking his aid [redacted] replied that that was not true, and that he had never been asked by the Subject [redacted]

In conclusion [redacted] added that regardless of the fact that he had [redacted] b7D had several personal disagreements with GETTY [redacted] that in all fairness he believed GETTY to be 100 per cent American and one who would not double-cross this country

For additional information [redacted] suggested the writer contact [redacted] of the Spartan Aircraft Corporation, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D [redacted] of the training school at Spartan and [redacted] of the manufacturing division of Spartan. He also suggested that the writer contact [redacted] one of the [redacted] of Oklahoma, who was [redacted] of the Subject's father. He stated that both of these men were reliable, very patriotic and would relate all the true facts relative to JEAN PAUL GETTY.

[redacted] was interviewed by the writer. He stated that he had known the family of GETTY since [redacted] b6 b7C b7D [redacted] that in the early days [redacted] related in substance the same as [redacted] regarding the patriotism, business ability and integrity of the Subject's family, and added that the Subject was a boy with every opportunity, but because of his immense wealth did not turn out to be the practical business man that his father had hoped he would be. He related the life history of the Subject, how he lived alone as a child, and was educated in the east and six years at Oxford University in England and Heidelberg University in Germany. He stated he recalled vividly when the Subject came back from Europe in 1914 with all the pomp of a person from the royal court of England, that after his return from Europe Subject came to Tulsa and went into the oil business with his father, and that because of his peculiar airs, accent and European mannerisms he at once stood out as a different type individual than the oil men who came up the hard way. He said that inasmuch as the Subject had lived an international life, having met many famous people the world over, some being pro-German, he could easily see the basis for the accusation of un-American activities and espionage, but that no one knew better than anyone else that the Subject had no such motive in his associations with foreign people. He stated that the Subject's love for the Jews alone would make him loyal, inasmuch as the entire leg 1 staff of the GETTY interest in New York, Los Angeles and Tulsa are Jews. He further added that he was not positive just why the Subject seemed to be fond of Jews, but he had heard in the early days when his father was in Oklahoma that the Subject's mother was one-half Jewish, although he could not prove it. He related in detail many of the same things that [redacted] spoke of relative to the Subject's peculiarities and habits, and added b7D

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to this by saying that the Subject was one of the weakest men morally and physically that he had ever known, that all of his faults could be traced to four very bad characteristics - gullibility, women, fear and flare for publicity at any cost.

[redacted] who is the [redacted] b6  
for the [redacted] was interviewed by the writer. He stated b7C  
that he had only known GETTY for short time, [redacted] b7D  
[redacted] and that he recognized he  
was a peculiar individual, being on the artistic side and perhaps an international  
playboy, but he had to admire and respect the man for the number of hours and the  
diligent effort he had put in at [redacted] in an effort to operate the plant. He  
said that GETTY realized that he didn't know anything about airplane production,  
and [redacted]

The allegation in the reference report of Agent FURBUSH relative to the  
importing of important personnel from California and New York to the [redacted] b6  
[redacted] in Tulsa was discussed with [redacted] He said that b7C  
this was the most absurd thing he had ever heard, that it was true many of the  
laborers had come from Wichita and California, [redacted]  
[redacted] and if it had not been for the influx  
of experienced airplane workers from California and other places the [redacted]  
[redacted] in Tulsa would be very lacking in efficient personnel. b6  
[redacted] advised that [redacted] b7C  
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[redacted] stated that GETTY requested his help in  
finding a man who could hold such a responsible and important job as [redacted]  
[redacted], and that he, [redacted] hired [redacted], securing him  
from the [redacted] at Los Angeles at a salary of \$12,000 per year.  
[redacted] further stated that [redacted] is one of the best men in this sort of b6  
work he has ever known [redacted] b7C  
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[redacted] stated that he was [redacted] b6  
and that [redacted] hired him, but that he sincerely believed [redacted] because of b7C  
other business interests, did not devote his entire time to [redacted] and that b7D  
GETTY, who had nothing on his mind except the [redacted] had produced  
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In conclusion [ ] stated that he was positive the Subject had no un-American or espionage intentions in his present job.

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Subject was interviewed by the writer on August 28, 1942, and MR. GETTY advised that he was aware of the fact that some people had accused him of pro-Nazi tendencies, and on two or three occasions he had been the victim of some very bad newspaper publicity, unsupported by facts, and merely based on the fact that he had lived a life of ease and had associated with a number of people who at the time were harmless but since the war might be thought otherwise.

Relative to his international affairs or business dealings at present, GETTY advised that his only international financial interest at present is as a stockholder in the Tidewater Oil Company, which company prior to the war did carry on international commerce with almost every country in the world. He stated that he had been a director in this company, but that in 1936 he resigned, and that he had no executive control or authority to act in any capacity with the company at the present time, inasmuch as he was merely a large stockholder.

With regard to the ownership of the Pierre Hotel in New York City, GETTY stated that he did not have anything directly to do with this hotel, and inasmuch as it was owned and operated by the Getty Realty Company of New York, N. J., a holding company which was organized by his father to operate part of the estate which was left to him, he had nothing to do with the hiring and firing of personnel at this hotel, although if he wanted to he could probably influence the board of directors to take his advice. He stated that he had never used this authority except on one occasion. He related that while he was in Europe in 1940 the New York newspapers carried his name in connection with the Pierre Hotel as a place where pro-Nazi people lived, that the article intimated that a number of employees were strongly pro-German, and that it was a hangout for people who might be termed somewhat un-American. He stated that because of this he ordered a wholesale firing of a number of people who might have been involved in this accusation. MR. GETTY stated that at present or up until September 1, 1942, the hotel was [ ] by [ ] and [ ] both of these men being hired without his knowledge by the Getty Realty Company, which company was responsible in full for the operation of the hotel. MR. GETTY stated that [ ] was leaving September 1, 1942 to accept a job with the Carrier Air Conditioning Company of Syracuse, New York, and that he understood [ ] would become the manager as of September 1. MR. GETTY stated that the hotel deal he had been a headache as far as he was concerned ever since it was purchased, that it had never made a dime, and that all he knew about it was the monthly report which he received on which was invariably in the red, although hotel business was supposed to be good in New York at the present time. MR. GETTY further added that when he was in New York in 1939 he lived in an apartment on Park Avenue, and had only spent one night at the Pierre hotel since his company had purchased it.

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With regard to the undeveloped lead in the reference report requesting this office to secure an explanation from the Subject with regard to a check in the amount of \$60.16 which was received from Germany by him in 1939, it was learned on questioning GETTY that this check represented a refund on a ticket following his return to the United States in November, 1939.

When questioned relative to his ownership and sale of the yacht Warrior, MR. GETTY replied that he and four other members of the GETTY interests purchased the yacht, that he did know Captain LANGE, who served as captain of the boat until it was sold in France in 1936. GETTY stated that this was the last yacht he had owned, and that the record of the sale of this yacht could be secured from the Getty Realty Company at New York. With regard to Captain LANGE, GETTY stated he had sent him to the hotel to secure employment after the yacht was sold, and that he understood he did obtain employment there as an electrician for the hotel. As to LANGE'S present whereabouts, GETTY did not know.

GETTY advised that he knew [redacted] well, that he met her in 1939 in New York at a very fashionable party given by [redacted] that he did not know her prior to his return to America, that his only interest in her was that she was a beautiful woman, a good dancer and a good companion at all times. GETTY said that he next saw [redacted] in Hollywood, that he again associated with her on numerous occasions, that she apparently knew all the social people in Hollywood, and they went out with many outstanding celebrities. He stated that he did not monopolize her time, but that on some occasions when the "going was tough" for her [redacted] he would advance her money, which perhaps totaled \$5,000 during his entire acquaintance with her. GETTY stated he understood [redacted] is now in Mexico, but he had had no correspondence or relationship with her for many months.

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When questioned about knowing [redacted] advised that he remembered them as being in New York, but that his association with them had been purely social, and that he did not know their present whereabouts.

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When questioned relative to the changes made in the personnel of the Spartan Aircraft Corporation since he became its President, GETTY had the [redacted] submit for the writer's inspection the changes which had occurred in the more important positions of the company since he became President on March 1, 1942. These records reflected that the new [redacted] had replaced a [redacted]. It was later ascertained from [redacted] of the corporation, that [redacted] resigned of his own accord. Two [redacted] resigned about thirty days prior to MR. GETTY taking over, and these were replaced by a [redacted] who had previously worked with the Intercontinent Airplane Manufacturing Company of Miami, Florida, and a [redacted] who had previously been with Douglas. It is noted that these three men were mentioned to the writer by [redacted] as

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well as MR GETTY'S, upon being hired.

MR GETTY expanded at length relative to his desire to make good in this new effort, and said that the reason he wanted this job was because he wanted to do something during the national emergency for this country, that he realized in his previous life he had had very little practical experience, but that he was working doubly hard in an effort to make a success of this job. He stated that he purposely refrained from taking an active part in the direction of the plant because he realized he lacked information and ability to advise department heads how to run their business in the manufacture of airplanes.

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GETTY stated that he had an interview with [redacted] in Washington in an effort to secure a commission in the United States Navy, and that when it was discovered by the Navy Department that he had an interest in the Spartan Aircraft Corporation, it was suggested by [redacted] that he could serve this country in a useful capacity if he would help improve production at Spartan, which according to GETTY had previously not done so good.

MR GETTY also admitted when questioned that he had about \$4,000 in Ruckwanderer marks, that these were purchased from the Chase National Bank of New York, and were in their custody at the present time, that his only purpose for having purchased these marks was that prior to his departure for Europe in 1936 he had his business agent purchase a large amount of these because these tourist marks could be bought in America at a discount of about 30 per cent. He stated that the only reason he had these left was because he did not spend as much time in Germany as he anticipated. MR GETTY did not remember the exact amount, but said he would be very glad to get in touch with the Chase National Bank of New York for any further information the government might desire relative to this matter.

Upon concluding the interview MR GETTY assured the writer that he was very grateful to the Bureau for having interviewed him and given him a chance to clear some of the accusations which had been made. He invited the inspection and scrutiny of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the Spartan Aircraft plant at any time, and assured his fullest cooperation in anything he could do to aid national defense.

When questioned relative to his personal acquaintanceship with Messrs HITLER, [redacted] he replied that he had never met any of the three, that he had never publicly expressed himself as being in favor of the things these stood for prior to the war and certainly not since the war, and had not intimated to anyone that he was friendly with these people. He further related that the story had been circulated he had received a necktie from HITLER, and that this story went so far as to appear in a column in the New York Daily Mirror, which article was very unjust and unfair to him and certainly without foundation, as he had not received a necktie from HITLER, had no reason to and in no way had

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any close friends or connections with any higher members of the Nazi party in Germany.

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[redacted] of the Spartan Aircraft Corporation, who has been serving this corporation since March, 1941, in that capacity, verified the fact that only three important changes had been made in personnel that were made by the management and taken out of his hands. He stated that all personnel, such as workers, office people and minor jobs were handled through his department without any advice or pressure from officials of the company. He stated that his assistant was [redacted], who served as [redacted] of the Spartan Aircraft Corporation, which position he has held since September 29, 1941.

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Informants [redacted] were questioned by the writer relative to any knowledge they might have of the Subject's wife with reference to any evidence of un-American activities or espionage tendencies on her part.

[redacted] stated that he did not know her well, [redacted] and is presently living with the Subject in his home at Tulsa. He added that it was his personal opinion that Subject's wife is a loyal American, of an artistic nature, who was very anxious to receive as much publicity as possible. He further advised that she had made a public address before both the Rotary Club and the Kiwanis Club at Tulsa, and according to the articles in the paper regarding her speeches and from a few friends who had discussed these speeches with him, the talks of the Subject's wife were extremely American, patriotic and interesting.

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In discussing the matter with [redacted] he advised that it was his opinion that the Subject's wife had only one purpose in Italy, and that was using as much of the Subject's money as possible in the pursuance of her ambition to become a grand opera singer. He stated that because of her unusual speeches she was very much in demand before numerous clubs and social groups in Tulsa as a speech maker, and that it had come to him indirectly that her speeches were not only interesting, but were also very critical of the policies and exploitations of MUSSOLINI and other Axis leaders.

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When [redacted] was questioned by the writer with regard to the Subject's wife, he stated that [redacted] since the wife's return from Italy, [redacted] due to the fact that he was unusually busy. He stated on this one occasion, according to conversation, observation and association with Subject's wife, he would definitely consider her a 100 per cent loyal American. He further advised that [redacted]

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and that the thinking and attitude of [redacted] was certainly that of an American

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very anxious for a final and total victory of the Allies as soon as possible. b6  
[ ] further added that he did not believe that Subject's wife had any b7C  
other intention than living in Tulsa with her husband for the duration of the war, b7D  
and that he did not believe she had any associates or friends in the United States  
who would be engaged in un-American or espionage activities

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Confidential Informant [redacted]

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Office of Naval Intelligence  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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Confidential Informant [redacted]

[redacted]

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Headquarters, 8th Corps Area  
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Los Angeles, California

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RE: JEAN PAUL GETTY;  
ESPIONAGE - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated  
July 16, 1942 wherein you were furnished with a  
report from the War Department and requested to give  
this matter immediate attention due to the interest  
displayed by the Army.

For your information, I am transmitting  
herewith copies of a case history concerning the Spartan  
Aircraft Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma, dated August 4,  
1942, which was submitted by the Navy Department at  
Washington, D. C. (K)

It is requested that the Oklahoma Field  
Division place this matter in line for investigation  
in the near future in view of Getty's present position  
with the Spartan Aircraft Company where he may obtain  
information of a vital nature.

DECLASSIFIED BY SP1 gaw/fu Very truly yours,  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California  
October 3, 1942

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: JEAN PAUL GETTY  
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Dear Sir:

Inasmuch as all leads in the Los Angeles Field Division office with reference to the Subject of instant case have been exhausted and in view of the fact that the Subject is now president of the Spartan Aircraft Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and has taken up residence there, the Bureau is hereby requested to change the office of origin from Los Angeles to Oklahoma City.

It should be noted that a lead was set out in the report of Special Agent EDWARD A. FURBUSH, JR., dated July 21, 1942, at Los Angeles, California, to develop information if possible from the Subject's wife, who contemplated a visit with her cousin now residing in Los Angeles, California, but information from the Oklahoma City Field Division indicates that Subject's wife is now living with him since her return from Italy and she does not contemplate a visit with her relative in Los Angeles, California.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Hood*  
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Special Agent in Charge

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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JEAN PAUL GETTY, wa;  
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Reference is made to the Los Angeles Field letter dated October 3, 1942, wherein it is stated that all leads in that office have been exhausted and in view of the fact that the subject is now residing in the territory covered by the Oklahoma City Field Division, the Office of Origin should be changed from Los Angeles to Oklahoma City.

Your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent Edward A. Furbush, Jr., dated July 21, 1942 at Los Angeles, which sets forth leads for the Los Angeles Field Division which apparently have not been covered. It is noted that investigation is outstanding to contact [redacted] of the George F. Getty Oil Company, Arcade Building, so that he may be interviewed regarding his knowledge of Getty's activities. It is also reflected that contact would be arranged with Source of Information [redacted] to interview [redacted] under pretext, for information pertaining to subject's activities, both in the United States and Mexico. (X)(u)

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In view of the above, it is desired that the Los Angeles Field District remain as the Office of Origin in the investigation of this matter.

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Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Kramer \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
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United States Department of Justice**

Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KIMBALL

RE: JEAN PAUL GETTY, with alias;  
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The investigation of Getty was initiated in the summer of 1940 when it was believed that German and Italian agents were operating the Pierre Hotel at New York City and many foreign agents were residing at that place. It was stated that Getty had purchased the Pierre Hotel for approximately \$2,000,000 and that he had fired the original personnel, supplanting them with persons of questionable tendencies.

Since that time, allegations have been made that Getty is pro-Nazi and has received gifts from Hitler. It has also been alleged that he was acquainted with [redacted] Getty, who is in the oil business, also boasted, according to reports, that he had shipped many thousands of barrels of oil to Japan prior to the Neutrality Act. Suspicion was also cast upon Getty due to his association with [redacted] who is reported to be a Nazi spy. (X) (M)

Recently interviews have been had with prominent individuals associated with Getty. Although they claim he is eccentric and a man who has met many influential Europeans in his time, they do not believe he is engaged in espionage activities.

At one time an article appeared in a New York newspaper which indicated that Getty's sympathies were with the German cause and in this connection you will recall that Walter Winchell wrote a letter to Mr. Hoover in which he indicated that Getty was a loyal American citizen but because of his standing could not afford to publicly deny any allegations made against him.

Getty has been interviewed by the Bureau and has denied any allegations which would tend to show that he is engaged in espionage activities.

Attached hereto is a comprehensive and complete memorandum setting forth the background and activities of Getty which do not

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reflect that he is engaged in espionage activities.

RECOMMENDATION

In view of the information set forth, it is believed that this case should cease to be handled by the Espionage Section and should be more properly handled by [redacted] Section.

Respectfully,

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Subject is a United States citizen, having been born at Minneapolis, Minnesota, on December 15, 1892. He first came to the attention of the Bureau on August 26, 1940, when [ ] advised that the Hotel Pierre at New York City had been purchased from the bondholders by Getty. [ ] described Getty as an enormously wealthy oil man of German descent who comes from California. At the time the hotel was purchased, Getty was in Germany from where he issued orders to have all the old employees of the hotel dismissed. At that time, [ ] alleged that the hotel was packed with employees of the Italian Consulate.

Getty is the son and heir of the late George F. Getty, who left more than twenty-five million dollars and was the owner of the Getty Oil Company and the Pacific Western Oil Company. In the past few years, due to domestic difficulties, Getty has traveled extensively in the United States and Europe, leaving the actual operation of his business in the hands of competent businessmen who stay in Los Angeles at all times. Getty has been married four times, each marriage being dissolved on the grounds of immorality and unfaithful conduct and association with other women.

On December 5, 1940, the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office furnished the Bureau with a report from an anonymous informant to the effect that one Frederick Lange of the Hotel Pierre, New York City, was supposed to have been a former officer of the Hamburg American Line, as well as having been an aviator in Germany with the Air Force and to be a very good friend of [ ]. This anonymous informant advised that Getty, a millionaire oil man of Southern California, was advancing funds for Lange. This report also indicated that Getty was a very strong Nazi sympathizer.

An article appearing in the New York Daily News on December 20, 1940, entitled "Agents of Five Nations at Grips in Hotel Here", set forth a statement to the effect that twenty American businessmen had pooled one hundred million dollars for investment in Mexico if [ ] would give a free hand. The article further alleged that Getty, the present owner of the Hotel Pierre, and personal friend of Adolf Hitler, has supplied oil to Russia and is presently on a yacht cruise with William Gibbs McAdoo. There are further allegations in the article to the effect that the FBI is sure that a "definite understanding was reached on the Getty-[ ] Axis which bears on the charge of [ ] opponents that his heart belongs to the Nazis". The article claimed that [ ] an [ ] formerly [ ] of the Hotel Pierre, had been replaced by [ ] former German infantryman and is [ ] by Frederick Lange, the efficiency expert and former captain of a German submarine.

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In November, 1939, it was reported that Getty had returned to

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New York from Italy after negotiating with Soviet Russia buyers in Berlin, Germany, for the sale of one million barrels of California oil to be used in Siberia. It was alleged that Getty was able to consummate this deal due to the fact that he had convinced the Russians that it would cost less to transport oil from California to Vladivostok than from the Russian-owned Vaku oil fields.

By memorandum dated March 19, 1941, Confidential Informant [ ] advised that [ ] a subject of an espionage case pending in the Bureau, was in Mexico on March 15, 1941, at which time she seemed to be plentifully supplied with money and playing the night life of Mexico City. The informant advised that she had surreptitious meetings with Getty, who appeared to be an old flame of hers. (S)(u)

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In connection with Frederick Lange, it might be said that a Frederick Lange, who was captain on the steam yacht "Blue Water", committed an assault on February 25, 1937 upon the chef of that vessel and as a result stood trial at New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 2, 1937, at which time the court, without the benefit of a jury, rendered a verdict of not guilty.

By letter dated July 21, 1941, Walter Winchell advised that the article carried in the Daily News at New York City was inaccurate. He stated that Getty was educated in California and at Oxford, not in Germany. Further, that he did not hold any German patents through holding corporations and does not ship oil to Germany, Spain, Russia, or Japan. It should be noted that the article carried by the New York Daily News alleged that Getty had his portrait painted, at which time he was wearing a tie presented to him by Adolf Hitler. Winchell said that he never was given a tie by Hitler and never did announce the sale of one million barrels of oil to Russia. He also stated that Getty never did know Lange, the efficiency expert. According to Winchell, what Getty cannot do is sue a newspaper since he is a wealthy man and would not have a chance to collect damages. Further, that the trouble with Getty is the fact that he does not realize stories like that carried in the Daily News hurt his business and adds, "I have been trying to impress him with that fact."

On July 24, 1940, [ ] advised the New York Field Division that he was the [ ] of the William Allen White Committee, New York City. He stated that Getty, who is the owner of the Hotel Pierre, was a very loyal American with pro-Nazi sympathies. He alleged that Getty had been in Germany where he was apparently very popular with the more important Nazi officials. Further, that he was present at the "Cellar Trials" after the Reichstag fires. He claimed that Getty was a large minority stockholder in the Tidewater Oil Company, which sold one million barrels of oil to the Soviet Government some time ago.

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[redacted] of the Hotel Pierre, voluntarily advised the New York Field Division that the story appearing in the Daily News was incorrect in that Getty was a loyal American and that the charges made against him in the newspaper were absolutely absurd.

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[redacted] an attorney representing Getty, also advised the Bureau that Getty denied all the allegations made against him and that the articles appearing in the newspaper story were malicious, defamatory, libelous, and wholly false. The attorney did state, however, that Getty was acquainted with [redacted] but advised that she is merely a casual friend of Getty.

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During the course of monitoring transactions in the Foreign Department of the Chase National Bank, New York City, it was noted by the Foreign Funds Squad of the New York Field Division that a payment of \$60.16 was made to Getty on January 17, 1940, upon the instructions of the Reichsbank Direktorium, Berlin, Germany, whose account was charged for this amount. It is believed that this payment originated from Konversionkasse Fur Deutsche Auslandsschulden, Berlin, Germany, (Conversion Office for German Foreign Debts) and that it represents an interest payment on German securities owned by this individual. (u)

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Upon being interviewed, [redacted] advised that he had no knowledge that his employees or the guests who frequent the Hotel Pierre have Italian Consular connections.

[redacted], advised that [redacted] Getty and that she could offer no information regarding any subversive activity engaged in by Getty, stating that it was beyond her to believe that the subject was even under suspicion. She knew that Getty traveled to Germany once or twice a year, but could not advance any information as to whom he contacts there or the name of any of his friends in Germany. [redacted]

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The subject is presently the President of the Spartan Aircraft Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma and has occupied this position for the past several months. [redacted] a confidential informant, [redacted] and has furnished the Bureau with considerable information concerning him. He stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that during the period of his association with Getty in New York City, the informant met [redacted] and from the close affiliation between [redacted] and Getty, it was his opinion that Getty is responsible for coming to the United States. [redacted] advised that [redacted] [redacted] because he was not impressed by her, believing she was here for some sinister purpose, so is unable to comment intelligently upon the background of the [redacted]-Getty companionship. [redacted] in a conversation with Getty gathered that [redacted] was now in Mexico and that Getty had been to Mexico recently to see her. He was of the opinion that Getty had financed her trip from New York to Mexico City.

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About a year ago, Getty telephonically communicated with [redacted] and requested that [redacted]

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[redacted] has furnished information to the Bureau concerning [redacted]. He stated that he was in Mexico several months ago and it was common news that [redacted] had an "in" with [redacted] of the Mexican Cabinet, who was decidedly pro-Axis in his sympathies. Both [redacted] stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] Gert Von Gontard, heir to the Anheuser-Busch Brewery, Incorporated, stated that she strongly suspected Getty of being mixed up in pro-German and un-American activities, contending that he has openly expressed himself as being in favor of the Nazi form of Government. She further stated he is a close friend of [redacted] whom she stated was the [redacted] of Mexico during the [redacted] regime. According to [redacted] claimed she left Germany pursued by the Gestapo, and that as a result of her friendship with Getty, he was able to get her a visa for entrance into Mexico, telling the [redacted] Getty's, that [redacted] was an American citizen. After arriving in Mexico, [redacted] had an affair with the [redacted] previously mentioned, Getty having introduced her to him. According to the informant, [redacted] related that [redacted] had nothing more to do with [redacted] after four weeks, but now continues in close contact with Getty, as well as [redacted]

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Reginald Gardiner, a movie actor and English subject, advised

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that he was very friendly with [ ] while she was in Hollywood. [ ] told him of having [ ] in Europe, but because the German Government forced her to be intimate with anyone they directed in the official circles, she decided to get out of the country and under the pretext she was going to [ ] in France went to Paris. She told Gardiner that she had met all the officials in Germany from Hitler down. According to Gardiner, he questioned [ ] at various times with relation to her ability to get out of Germany so easily, but she was unable to answer these questions satisfactorily. Gardiner learned that [ ] had received a pay check from [ ] [ ] at San Francisco, and when he confronted [ ] with this she did not deny or affirm it. After being in [ ] company for approximately two months, Gardiner accused her of being a German spy and in the pay of the German Government and when she did not deny it, he told her he would have nothing more to do with her.

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No definite information has been obtained that the subject has actually been involved in espionage or related matters. However, due to his numerous German contacts, it is possible his sympathies may lie with that country.

On August 4, 1942, [ ] Zone Intelligence Officer, Office of Naval Intelligence, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised that it was generally rumored around Tulsa, Oklahoma, where Getty is presently residing, that he was importing employees from California for the purpose of placing them in key positions at the Spartan Aircraft Company, of which he is President. It was also alleged that most of these imported employees were of German extraction and that at least one of them reputedly was born in Germany. (X) (u)

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On August 25, 1942, [ ]

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[ ] was interviewed.

He advised that [ ]

According to [ ] Getty's father was a brilliant lawyer of German descent whose genius and ability in the oil business made him an outstanding figure. The subject's parents were refined, cultured, extremely loyal Americans and well liked and that Getty's father left an estate of twenty-five million dollars when he died.

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[ ] who had every advantage and opportunity in the world and, although his father attempted to develop him into a practical business man, he was unsuccessful. He classified Getty as being eccentric and a mortal physical coward, who suffered greatly from an inferior complex. Getty attempted to overcome this complex by seeking publicity and getting himself into the limelight as much as possible. Getty was educated at Oxford University and

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Heidelberg University and he still has many friends and acquaintances among the so-called cafe society in Europe.

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[ ] believed that Getty was a loyal American citizen, who was more or less a victim of circumstances, inasmuch as prior to the present conflict his travels in Europe brought him in contact with many people in Germany and other people of international fame. [ ] was unable to state whether Getty had actually met Hitler and other Nazi officials while in Germany, but was of the opinion that if he did it was more or less a desire of his to meet people of high standing and not for any espionage activity.

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In reference to Getty's being a coward, [ ] stated that he was afraid of being bombed and had constructed a bomb shelter in his home in Tulsa. [ ] was also questioned relative to [ ]

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[ ] has known the Getty family for many years and attested to the Americanism of Getty.

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[ ] stated that Getty was working extremely hard to learn the aircraft business and to be worthy of the title of President of such a company. With reference to the employees being imported from California, [ ] stated that this was absurd as [ ] and Getty had nothing to do with this matter.

Getty was interviewed by an agent of the Oklahoma City Field Office on August 28, 1942, at which time he stated that he was aware that various individuals had accused him of possessing pro-Nazi tendencies and that he had also been the victim of some newspaper publicity unsupported by facts, being merely based on the fact that he had lived a life of ease and had associated with a number of people who at the time were harmless but since the war might be thought otherwise. He stated that he did not have anything to do directly with the Pierre Hotel in New York City, but it was owned and operated by the Getty Realty Company of Newark, New Jersey, which was organized by his father and which operates the estate left to him. He maintained that he had nothing to

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do with the hiring and firing of the personnel of this hotel.

With regard to the check in the amount of \$60.16 which was received by Getty in 1939, Getty stated that this check represented a refund on a ticket following his return to the United States in November, 1939.

Getty admitted his association with [ ] but denied that he knew her prior to his return to America and that his only interest in her was she was a beautiful woman, a good dancer and good companion. He did admit, however, that he advanced her money which totaled \$5,000 when she was having a hard time [ ]

Getty had the personnel manager of the Spartan Aircraft Corporation submit a list of the changes in personnel since Getty became President of the organization. It was learned that each change was made for the benefit of the company and was authorized by [ ]

Getty admitted he had an interview with [ ] in Washington in an effort to secure a commission in the United States Navy and that when [ ] learned he had an interest in the Spartan Aircraft Corporation, it was suggested by [ ] that he could serve this country in a useful capacity if he would help improve production at Spartan which, according to Getty, had previously not done so well.

Getty admitted he purchased approximately \$4,000 in Rueckwanderer marks from the Chase National Bank of New York. He stated that his only purpose in making this purchase was that prior to his departure for Europe in 1939, tourist marks could be bought in America at a discount of about 30% and that the reason these were left was due to the fact he had not spent as much time in Germany as he had anticipated.

Getty denied having ever met Hitler, [ ] and stated he had never publicly expressed himself as being in favor of the things they stand for, or has he ever intimated to anyone that he was friendly with those individuals. The story that he received a necktie from Hitler was unjust and unfair according to Getty, inasmuch as no gift had ever been offered to him by Hitler.

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This Case Originated At <b>LOS ANGELES</b>		File No. <b>65-2170</b>	
Report made at <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	Date <b>3/20/43</b>	Period <b>2/16; 3/1, 2/43</b>	Report made by <b>EDWARD A. FURBUSH, JR. DLK</b>
Title <b>JEAN PAUL GETTY</b>		Character of case <b>ESPIONAGE - G</b>	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Personal background of Subject and financial information obtained. Informant familiar with all Subject's contacts, social and business. Never disclosed any admiration for European dictators or politicians. No agreement with Russia to furnish oil. SPARTAN AIRCRAFT indirectly controlled by GETTY, INC. Subject presently managing this company at suggestion of Secretary of the Navy. Incapable of handling position. Records reflect Subject worth about 7 million dollars. Has sent personal gifts to foreign girls who have extended him favors in past. Also pays American girls who have extended personal favors.

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BY *[Signature]*

Bureau file No. 100-1202.  
Bureau letter dated October 26, 1942.  
Report of Special Agent EDWARD A. FURBUSH, JR.,  
Los Angeles, California, July 21, 1942.

## DETAILS:

The alias J. PAUL GETTY is being deleted from the title of this report, inasmuch as it is only a portion of Subject's true and correct name, JEAN PAUL GETTY.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

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(U) [Source of Information A] advised that [redacted] (X)  
GEORGE F. GETTY OIL, INC. in 1927, [redacted] by the Subject's father who  
was then president and general manager. [Source A reported] that at that time  
Subject had earned the reputation of being a playboy and his actions had aroused  
his father's anger because of the troubles he was always getting into. [Source A

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(U) learned in 1927 or 1928] that [redacted] (X)

[redacted] In 1928 Subject started on  
a business venture of his own will and unknown to his father. The Subject pur-  
chased oil leases in Santa Maria, California and obtained property interests of  
productive value of one million dollars. His father believed, after learning the  
facts, that his son had settled down and was considering business seriously.

(U) [According to Source A.] the Subject was the only son, and [redacted] (X)

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(U) [redacted] The Subject remained active in the company as an  
officer until 1931, when his father died. Trouble arose during and after the  
settlement of his father's estate. GETTY'S mother, like Subject, was stingy and  
of the same nature as Subject, and they both continued fighting over the business  
venture suggested by the Subject. [Source A continued] that GETTY'S mother knew (X)  
nothing about the oil business, and [redacted]

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Subject became president of the company when his father died, and [redacted]

(U) [redacted] this was finally consummated in 1933. [According to Source A,] the (X)  
Subject started to travel abroad regularly from 1933 on, and [redacted]

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[redacted] GETTY resigned in 1934 and from then on he remained  
only as a large stockholder in the company and did not have any authority to con-  
summate any contract as a representative of this company.

(U) [According to Source A.] GETTY traveled abroad and through Mexico until (X)  
1939.

(U) [Source A stated] that he does not like GETTY personally and knows that (X)  
everyone with whom GETTY has come in contact hates him because of his unfriendli-  
(U) ness, his bragging nature, and because he is mean, selfish, and stingy. [Source A] (X)  
mentioned that if GETTY was possibly guilty of any violation, he, like many others  
associated with Subject, would assist in obtaining facts to prove him guilty of the  
violation, but he personally believes that people with whom the Subject has come  
in contact despise him and probably have reported him at the least provocation

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(U) without any knowledge of his activities and nothing more than rumor. [Source A] (X) explained this further by stating that the Subject has always tried to give a Continental impression, although he has never mentioned any association with the dictators of Europe nor any other leading European politicians. [Source A] knows (X) that GETTY has associated with wealthy people in France, England, and Germany who were classmates of his at Oxford, but only in a social way.

(U) [According to Source A,] GETTY returned from Europe the last time in 1939 (X) and when interviewed by reporters in New York upon landing, among other things in giving an account of his trip and what he contemplated doing upon his return, (U) he mentioned an agreement to sell one million barrels of oil to Russia. [Source A] (X) never had any discussion on this point with GETTY, and obtained the knowledge from (U) the accounts in the New York papers. [Source A] explained this by stating that the (X) GETTY COMPANY has always had trouble with the large oil companies, such as STANDARD and the UNION OIL COMPANY in getting them to purchase their oil. According to (U) [Source A,] the GETTY OIL COMPANY is strictly a producing oil company, and when (X) leases are obtained and wells sunk, it is necessary to sell what they produce to (U) the large oil companies for refinement and distribution. [Source A] believes that (X)

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(U) [REDACTED] (X)

(U) [REDACTED] Source A, Source A, (X)

(U) admitted that it is possible that GETTY negotiated for a sale with some wealthy friend abroad.

[Source A] also explained [REDACTED]

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During the years that followed, SKELLY was made president of the MISSION CORPORATION and also of the SKELLY and TIDEWATER OIL COMPANIES, the GETTY OIL COMPANY, and the PACIFIC WESTERN, which was then a part of the GETTY OIL COMPANY. [According to Source A]

(U) [REDACTED]

(U) [REDACTED]

(U) [REDACTED]

(U) [REDACTED]

(U) [Source A]

(U) [REDACTED]

(U) Source A [REDACTED] SPARTAN AIRCRAFT continued until late 1941 with SKELLY and his assistants at the head. According to Source A, it continued as a non-profitable institution.

Late in 1941 the Subject went to Washington to confer with Secretary of the Navy [REDACTED] with reference to obtaining a commission in the Navy. During his second appointment with [REDACTED] he was advised that the investigation disclosed that GETTY'S company owned a controlling interest in the SPARTAN AIRCRAFT, and inasmuch as GETTY was a trustee, he would be able to do his country a greater service by efficiently operating the SPARTAN AIRCRAFT COMPANY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

GETTY was elected president, and without any past experience or knowledge of what he was getting into, took over the management of the SPARTAN AIRCRAFT.

(U) It should be noted, [according to Source A], that the Government takes

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[Source A] stated

that GETTY is not a good business manager, as he will not listen to reason, being hard-headed and uncooperative. He cannot get cooperation from anyone with whom he comes in contact.

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GETTY has stated that the Secretary of the Navy has given him a responsible job and he intends to make SPARTAN run successfully. [Source A] has

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[redacted] Source A said that the Subject does not own a boat and never at any time kept one in Mexico.

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[redacted] Source A did not know of the Subject's association with [redacted] It was learned through Source B that [redacted] is a [redacted] of a film corporation in Mexico City and has not been in Los Angeles for a year or more. [redacted] who it was previously learned was familiar with the Subject's activities, cannot be located through the studios in Hollywood.

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[redacted] According to Source A, the Subject's wife has been with him in Oklahoma since her return to this country. Source A believed that she will obtain a divorce from him, since the match was not based on emotion, but more on a business proposition.

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Inasmuch as the suspicious circumstances surrounding the activities of the Subject of instant case have been satisfactorily explained by Source A and because of the fact that Source A has shown cooperation and, [redacted] this case is being closed.

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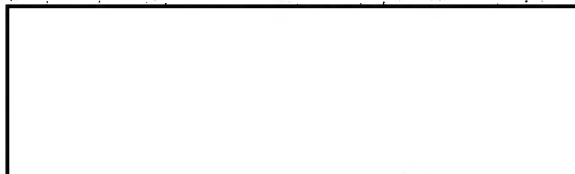
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X VE-2**MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
WENDELL L. BERGE**

Re: JEAN PAUL GETTY, with alias  
Hotel Pierre  
New York, New York

Reference is made to your memorandum, your reference  
WB:JEH:ew, 146-7-724, in which you requested that an additional  
investigation be conducted in respect to the above individual.

For your information, I wish to direct your attention  
to the following investigative reports in the case entitled,  
"Jean Paul Getty, with alias, Espionage - G", copies of which  
reports have been transmitted to the Division of Records of the  
Department:

Report of Special Agent E. A. Furbush, Junior, dated  
April 4, 1942 at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated  
September 22, 1942 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, 13, California  
August 23, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: JEAN PAUL GETTY, w.a.  
SECURITY MATTERS - G  
(Bureau File #100-1202)

Dear Sir:

I wish to advise that the Subject is presently residing at 270 Ocean Front, Santa Monica, California. The Custodial Detention records of this office have been corrected to reflect the new residence address.

Very truly yours,

R B Hood

R. B. HOOD  
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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 16, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR  
HUGH B. COX, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
AND  
J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

I refer to [redacted] memorandum to me dated June 28, 1943, which reviews the history, development, and meaning of the Special Case work and of the danger classifications that were made as a part of that work.

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After full re-consideration of these individual danger classifications, I am satisfied that they serve no useful purpose. The detention of alien enemies is being dealt with under the procedures established by the Alien Enemy Control Unit. The Special Case procedure has been found to be valueless and is not used in that connection. There is no statutory authorization or other present justification for keeping a "custodial detention" list of citizens. The Department fulfills its proper functions by investigating the activities of persons who may have violated the law. It is not aided in this work by classifying persons as to dangerousness.

Apart from these general considerations, it is now clear to me that this classification system is inherently unreliable. The evidence used for the purpose of making the classifications was inadequate; the standards applied to the evidence for the purpose of making the classifications were defective; and finally, the notion that it is possible to make a valid determination as to how dangerous a person is in the abstract and without reference to time, environment, and other relevant circumstances, is impractical, unwise, and dangerous.

For the foregoing reasons I am satisfied that the adoption of this classification system was a mistake that should be rectified for the future. Accordingly, I direct that the classifications heretofore made should not be regarded as classifications of dangerousness or as a

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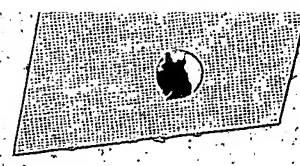
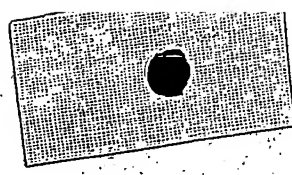
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determination of fact in any sense. In the future, they should not be used for any purpose whatsoever. Questions raised as to the status or activities of a particular person should be disposed of by consideration of all available information, but without reference to any classification heretofore made.

A copy of this memorandum should be placed in the file of each person who has hitherto been given a classification. In addition, each card upon which a classification appears should be stamped with the following language:

"THIS CLASSIFICATION IS UNRELIABLE. IT IS  
HEREBY CANCELLED, AND SHOULD NOT BE USED  
AS A DETERMINATION OF DANGEROUSNESS OR OF  
ANY OTHER FACT. (SEE MEMORANDUM OF JULY 16,  
1943 FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO HUGH B.  
COX AND J. EDGAR HOOVER)."

Attorney General



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Santa Monica, California (Res.)

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Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

RE: JEAN PAUL GETTY  
SECURITY MATTER - G

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of

X an addition to the Security Index card relating to Subject. This addition is to be attached to the photostatic copy of the Security Index card already in your possession.

— a revised Security Index card relating to Subject to be substituted for the photostatic copy of the Security Index card presently in your possession which should be destroyed.

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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
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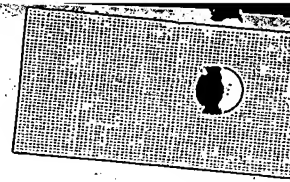
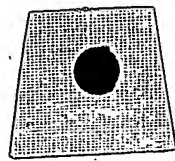
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JEAN PAUL GETTY *Summary Calif*

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**NOTE:** Our files do disclose, in addition, that Mr. Getty has been promiscuous in his relations with the opposite sex, has been married on several occasions, and has been reported as a character who sends personal gifts and pays foreign and American girls who have extended him various favors in his travels throughout the world. (100-1202-49)

In 1945 the FBI investigated [redacted], with aliases, inasmuch as he was using a forged pass. It was learned at that time that [redacted] was born in [redacted] and was the [redacted] age [redacted] at that time, was [redacted]

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Jean Paul Getty

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apprehended by the Provost Marshal at Spokane Air Technical Service Command, State of Washington, on February 24, 1945, dressed in partial Army and Air Cadet uniform, after having attempted to obtain a ride on an Army Transport in the name of Private [redacted]. Also found on his person at that time were forged military passes in the name of [redacted] and a portion of travel orders of Private [redacted]. He was a runaway from Los Angeles, California, at that time and was wanted by the State Parole Officer. A complaint was authorized and filed at Spokane for illegal wearing of the uniform and impersonation of a soldier on March 3, 1945. On May 18, 1945, as a Federal juvenile delinquent he was arraigned at Spokane, Washington, before Judge Lewis B. Schwellenbach, at which time he entered a plea of guilty. He was sentenced to serve a term of two years in an institution later designated as the Industrial Training School at Ogden, Utah. (105-5091)

The above is not considered pertinent to White House inquiry.

Enclosure to letter to White House 9-22-61 DRR:fjb.

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September 22, 1961

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. O'Donnell:

By letter dated September 21, 1961, you were furnished the results of FBI file reviews concerning five of the nine individuals on whom you requested name checks by letter dated September 15, 1961. File reviews have now been completed concerning the remaining four individuals, the results of which are set forth below.

No investigation has been conducted by this Bureau and no information pertinent to your request was located concerning [redacted]

Memoranda are attached concerning [redacted] Mr. Jean Paul Getty and [redacted]

Sincerely yours

J. EDGAR HOOVER

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NOTE

Bureau files contain allegations [redacted] has been friendly with alleged subversive individuals and front groups and reportedly attended a reception in honor of the 27th anniversary of the establishment of the Soviet Government. Other references indicate he has engaged in definite anticommunist activities. He is personally known to and has lauded the Director in speeches. He has exhibited a cooperative attitude toward the Bureau and his studio produced "The FBI Story." In view of the above, it is not believed pertinent to furnish O'Donnell with the old allegations regarding his alleged friendliness to subversive individuals and groups.

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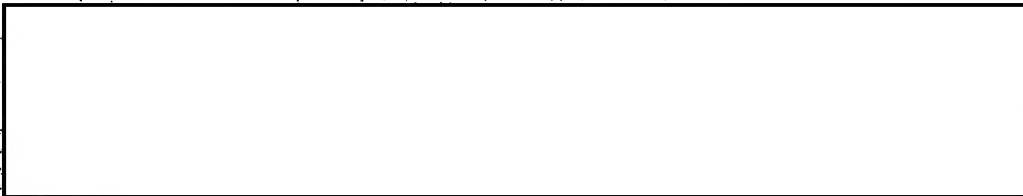
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Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Reference is made to the name check requests from  
Mrs. Mildred Stegall.

The central files of the FBI contain no pertinent  
derogatory information identifiable with the following individuals:



The fingerprint files of the FBI Identification Division  
contain no arrest data identifiable with the above individuals based  
upon background information submitted in connection with these name  
check requests.

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Attached are separate memoranda on each of the  
following individuals:



Jean Paul Getty



- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct) - Enclosures
- 1 - Mr. Gale - Enclosures
- 1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosures

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JEAN PAUL GETTY - *Summary*

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Jean Paul Getty was investigated by the FBI from 1940 to 1943 in view of allegations that he was outspoken in support of Germany and Nazi ideology, highly approved of the effectiveness of the Nazi system, had been in Germany several times each year, and was closely associated with Hitler, [redacted]. It was also reported that he had a common-law wife and children in Germany. Other allegations regarding Mr. Getty were made to the effect that he was selling oil to the Axis Powers; had in his employ former members of German Army, Navy and Intelligence Units; and was closely associated with [redacted] a German espionage agent then in Mexico, as well as with Mexican government officials. The investigation did not develop sufficient evidence to warrant prosecution in this matter under espionage statutes and in an interview with Jean Paul Getty by Agents of this Bureau he denied any allegations which would tend to show that he was engaged in espionage activities. (100-1202-27; 100-1202-48)

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Our files further reveal that Mr. Getty has been promiscuous in his relations with the opposite sex, has been married on several occasions, and has been reported as a character who sends personal gifts and pays foreign and American girls who have extended him various favors in his travels throughout the world. (100-1202-49)

In 1945 the FBI investigated [redacted] with aliases, inasmuch as he was using a forged pass. It was learned at that time that [redacted] was born in [redacted]

NOTE: Per request of Mrs. Mildred Stegall, White House Staff.  
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- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Wick \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
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- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Jean Paul Getty

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[redacted] and was the [redacted]  
[redacted] aged [redacted] at that time, was apprehended by the Provost Marshal at Spokane Air Technical Service Command, State of Washington, on February 24, 1945, dressed in partial Army and Air Cadet uniform, after having attempted to obtain a ride on an Army Transport in the name of Private [redacted]. Also found on his person at that time were forged military passes in the name of [redacted] and a portion of travel orders of Private [redacted]. He was a runaway from Los Angeles, California, at that time and was wanted by the State Parole Officer. A complaint was authorized and filed at Spokane for illegal wearing of the uniform and impersonation of a soldier on March 3, 1945. On May 18, 1945, as a Federal juvenile delinquent he was arraigned at Spokane, Washington, before Judge [redacted], at which time he entered a plea of guilty. He was sentenced to serve a term of two years in an institution later designated as the Industrial Training School at Ogden, Utah. [redacted]

On October 12, 1963, [redacted] the well-known [redacted], wrote that President Kennedy had confided to intimates that he intended to "crack down" on J. Paul Getty and another by introducing new regulations to deprive them of income from their oil holdings by changing the oil depletion allowance rules. It was further alleged that Getty and the other individual had been avoiding payment of all of their income tax due and that Mr. Kennedy had said that the two individuals were using money they obtained from their oil interests to subsidize extreme right-wing propaganda. It was alleged that two Senators had been investigating the tax-avoiding schemes of Getty and the other individual. (62-109060-3083 pg. 584)

FBI files contain no additional pertinent information concerning Jean Paul Getty.

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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AKA: Jean Paul Hetty

Subject J. Paul Hetty

Birthdate &amp; Place 12-15-1892 Munir

Address 17985 Pacific Coast Highway  
Localities Malibu, Calif

R# (65) Date 7-16 Searcher Initials Run

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FILE NUMBER

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NAME CHECK

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March 9, 1973

BY LIAISON

Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

Reference is made to your name check requests  
concerning [redacted] and some other individuals.

Attached are separate memoranda concerning the  
following individuals.

[redacted]  
J. Paul Getty

Sincerely yours,

*L. Patrick Gray III*  
L. Patrick Gray III  
Acting Director

[redacted] Enclosures (13)

- Mr. Felt
- Mr. Baker
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Cleveland
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Gebhardt
- Mr. Jenkins
- Mr. Marshall
- Mr. Miller, E.S.
- Mr. Soyars
- Mr. Walters
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Kinley
- Mr. Armstrong
- Mr. Bowers
- Mr. Herington
- Ms. Hery
- Mr. Min
- Mrs. N

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J. PAUL GETTY -

Captioned individual, who you advised resides at 17985 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, California, has been the subject of various investigations conducted by the FBI since 1940 under his full name of Jean Paul Getty. ~~SUMMARY~~

From 1940 to 1943, an investigation of Mr. Getty was conducted by the FBI in view of allegations that he was outspoken in support of Germany and Nazi ideology, highly approved of the effectiveness of the Nazi system, and had been in Germany several times each year for close association with Hitler, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was reported that he had a common-law wife and children in Germany. Other allegations regarding Mr. Getty included his selling oil to the Axis Powers; had former members of the German Army, Navy, and Intelligence Units in his employ; and was closely associated with [REDACTED], a German espionage agent then in Mexico. The investigation, coupled with his denials, did not develop sufficient evidence to warrant prosecution in this (U) matter under espionage statutes (100-1202-55)

Jean Paul Getty was involved in the paternity suit of Joan Berry in 1943 and 1944 in which she alleged that film star Charles Spencer Chaplin was the father of her child. It was brought out during this suit that Jean Paul Getty had been intimate with Joan Berry and might possibly be the father of her child. The suit was settled by the defendant Chaplin. (31-68496)

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Mr. Thompson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Walters \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Kinley \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Armstrong \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bowers \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Herington \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms. Herwig \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mintz \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Neenan \_\_\_\_\_

In 1945, the FBI investigated [REDACTED] born in [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] When aged [REDACTED] the young [REDACTED] was apprehended by the Provost Marshal at Spokane Air Technical Service Command, State of Washington, on February 24,

NOTE: Per request of Alexander P. Butterfield, Deputy Assistant to the President.

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J. Paul Getty

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On October 12, 1963, [redacted] wrote in a newspaper article that President Kennedy had confided to intimates that he intended to "crack down" on J. Paul Getty and another person by introducing new regulations to deprive them of income from their oil holdings by changing the oil depletion allowance rules. It was further alleged in the column that Getty and the other individual had been avoiding payment of all of their income tax due and that Mr. Kennedy had said the two individuals were using money they obtained from their oil interests to subsidize extreme right-wing propaganda. It was alleged that two Senators had been investigating the tax-avoiding schemes of Getty and the other individual. (62-109060-3083p.584)

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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557PM- URGENT 6-26-69 KSP

TO: DIRECTOR, SEATTLE, LOS ANGELES, DALLAS

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MISC INFO CONCERNING

ON INSTANT DATE FORMER,

RELIABLE, ADVISED THAT SUBJECT, CURRENTLY

RESIDING IN ADDRESS UNKNOWN. SUBJECT IS

AGE

HAIR, EYES, ALCOHOLIC, AND FORMER CP MEMBER.

COMMUNIST PARTY

SUBJECT TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED RELATIVES IN

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI  
SEMO

IN PAST FEW DAYS ANNOUNCING THAT HE WAS GOING TO KILL H.L.

HUNT, DALLAS MILLIONAIRE, AND J. PAUL GETTY, WHEREABOUTS

UNKNOWN, AND THEN COMMIT SUICIDE. INFORMANT BELIVES SUBJECT

IS NEAR MENTAL CASE AND CAPABLE OF VIOLENCE.

BEFORE GOING TO TWO MONTHS PRIOR, SUBJECT

LIVED WITH ON A

AND MAY KNOW SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS.

SUBJECT IS UNEMPLOYED ENGINEER AND LIVING IN COMMON LAW

RELATIONSHIP WITH UNKNOWN WOMAN IN

SEATTLE AND DALLAS ALERT LOCAL POLICE FOR APPROPRIATE

ACTION.

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John Paul (AKA)

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Birthdate & Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Address *M. Auburn, Conn.*

Localities \_\_\_\_\_

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